

Secret Societies - 1915

NATIONAL LOVE AND CHARITY

NATIONAL GRAND TABERNACLE OF LOVE AND CHARITY CONVENES IN BOSTON—GREAT ANNUAL MEETING IN COLUMBUS AVE. A. M. E. ZION CHURCH.

The National Grand Tabernacle of Love and Charity met Thursday morning, September 30th at Zion Church and will continue until this afternoon. Mr. John P. Butler of Jamesville, N. C., National Grand worthy superior presiding. The session was called to order at 10 a. m. Routine business was transacted Thursday. A costly gavel was presented Mr. Butler by the committee organized to entertain the Grand Tabernacle. Some of the prominent visitors in attendance are: Mr. J. H. Newson of Ohoski, N. C.; Rev. J. W. Faulk of Weldon, N. C.; Mr. J. H. Smith of Vicksburg, Miss.; Mrs. Eliza McGary of Wilmington, N. C.; Mrs. Octavo Stevens of Fayetteville, N. C.; Mrs. Mollie Brown of Portsmouth, Va.; Mrs. Bessie Bryan of New Bedford, Mass.; Mrs. Mamie Grant of Haverhill, Mass.; Mrs. Thomas of N. Y.; Mrs. Bryant of N. C.; Mrs. Battles, Kimbough and Toliver of New York.

Mrs. Mary Smith of Virginia. Delegations are coming in from all sections of the South.

About four hundred members attended the Biennial sermon at Charles Street Church, Thursday night. Dr. Thornton, pastor of the church, preached a wonderful sermon that received much praise. The meeting at the church was a great success besides singing and reading by the Juvenile Branch addresses of welcome were delivered by Mrs. Elmer Thomas and Dr. L. L. Roberts. Revs. Jessie Harrell and J. W. Faulk took part in the services and Joshua A. Crawford acted as master of ceremonies. The banquet and reception was held last night at Zion Church and was a splendid success. Addresses were given by Mr. J. P. Butler, Mrs. Carrie Cannon, Joshua A. Crawford, Adolphus Terry and others. Mrs. Odella Barker acted as master of ceremonies.

MONTGOMERY GETS NEGROES' MEETING

Negro Masons Thank Dr. Stakely and Advertiser for Opposing Bonner Bill

Advertiser & Advertiser Special to The Advertiser

SELMA, ALA., Aug. 20.—The thirty-eighth Annual Communication of the Alabama Grand Lodge, colored, A. F. and A. M. Walter Thomas Woods of Mobile, Grand Master, closed Thursday night the most successful session in its history.

Reports from 585 local lodges representing a membership of 16,000 were read which showed receipts in the Endowment Department \$ 93,585.23 Receipts in Grand Lodge.. 12,210.55

Making a grand total..... \$105,795.78 Grand Chapter Eastern Star 13,739.74

Total received by both lodges \$119,535.52 Reports of the Grand Chapter showed \$3,800.00 on hand with all claims settled to date.

The balance on hand in the Endowment Department was \$15,169.78, at the close of the Grand Lodge. This showed over \$2,000 in excess of receipts for 1914. The Grand Lodge collected \$1,000 at the session just closed and the Endowment Department received \$2,008. This is considered the best financial showing for one year in the history of the Order.

All the elective and appointive officers were re-elected. Among the donations made by the Grand Lodge was \$50 for Selma University where the meetings were held.

Resolutions were adopted by the Grand Lodge, thanking Dr. Stakey of opposing

apolis; B. G. Collier of Philadelphia, Dr. C. M. Wade of Hot Springs, Ark.; M. M. Rodgers, of Texas; J. W. Harris, of Mississippi and Dr. George N. Storey, of Georgia, were elected members of the Pythian Temple Commission.

George A. Watty, Truly Hatchett, H. M. St. Clair W. F. Mecham, John W. Henderson and Lewis E. Williams were among the Marylanders in attendance.

GEORGIA ODD FELLOWS IN HOT SESSION-SPLIT.

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE.

ATHENS, GA., Aug. 17.—The Ingram-Davis administration had little difficulty in maintaining its prestige at the twenty-ninth annual District Grand Lodge, G. U. O. O. F., which met here on August 10, 11 and 12.

The opposition engineered by Ed Pharow, Doc Daniels and Antone Graves was in evidence, but the administration's steam roller could not be stopped. Graves was exceedingly vociferant and it became necessary for the Ingram-Davis people to call in the arm of the law. A policeman took charge of Graves and escorted him from the room.

Pharow, opposing Ingram for grand master, withdrew from the race after the balloting had proceeded for awhile, as he saw that his chances were nil. Ben Davis was re-elected without opposition, and his salary fixed for the next year at \$2,700, or \$225 per month. Ingram gets \$1,200 per year and J. C. Styles of Dawson, elected grand treasurer, gets \$900 per year.

The meetings were held in Morton's Theatre, and at the opening on Tuesday, Mayor W. F. Dorsey delivered a welcome address. Others welcoming the body were Dr. W. H. Harris, Mme. E. Brown and Dr. C. Max Manning. For the grand lodge responses were made by C. W. Hill and Dr. W. F. Penn of Atlanta, Mme. Susie Dasher of Dublin, and Dr. E. J. Brinson of Americus.

It is probable that the suspension of Virginia will be lifted shortly.

There were but few changes in the officers. They are as follows:

S. W. Green, New Orleans, Supreme chancellor; Joseph L. Jones, Cincinnati, deputy supreme chancellor; John W. Young, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, supreme master of exchequer; Dr. E. N. Price, of Texas, supreme medical examiner; Dr. E. E. Underwood, Kentucky, supreme keeper of records and seal; George A. Watty, Baltimore, supreme master-at-arms Henry James, Jacksonville, Fla., supreme outer guards, and L. Mitchell, Texas, supreme lecturer.

R. R. Jackson, of Chicago will again head the uniform rank and S. A. T. Watkins will be the supreme attorney.

E. H. Ledington, of Indian-

grand director; Henry Lincoln Johnson, Atlanta, district grand attorney; Dr. A. D. Jones, Atlanta, medical examiner; E. J. Matthews, Dawson; W. L. Hughes, Dublin; T. K. Persley, Macon; district grand auditors.

Household of Ruth.

The Household of Ruth had a harmonious and pleasant evening and elected the following officers: Mrs. L. P. Fortune, D. M. N. G.; Mrs. W. D. Johnson, D. R. N. G.; Mrs. R. Ethel Caine, D. W. R.; Mrs. Hattie P. Jackson, D. W. T.; Mrs. Susie W. Dasher, D. D.; Mrs. M. B. Wilson, S. J.

Insurgents Organize

The insurgents, led by Graves and Daniels, held a session across the street from the theatre and organized another grand lodge. This body elected officers who forwarded a statement of their case to the S. C. of M. for consideration. The officers elected by the voters are Dr. B. W. S. Daniels, Atlanta, district grand master; R. W. Watkins, Albany, deputy district grand master; Peyton A. Allen, Atlanta, district grand secretary; A. Graves, Atlanta, district grand treasurer; L. L. Edwards, Waycross, grand director.

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MAKES HIS REPORT ON NEGRO MASONS

A. F. Owens Shows That \$126,912.26 Has Been Received During the Past Year

To the Editor of The Age-Herald:

The Rev. A. F. Owens of Selma university, official reporter for the Alabama grand lodge, colored, A. F. and A. M., gives out the following final report on the financial status of the grand lodge, Walter Thomas Woods, Mobile, grand master, and the state grand chapter, eastern Star, royal grand matron, Janie M. Balasco, Mobile, and the Rev. I. H. Rose, Wetumpka, in charge:

The thirty-fourth annual communication of the Alabama grand lodge, colored A. F. and A. M., was held in Dinkins Memorial hall, Selma university, Selma, August 17-19, 1915. Grand Master Walter Thomas Woods, Mobile, presiding.

Reports from 585 local lodges were read showing a membership of 16,000. Ten new lodges were added. All old officers re-elected.

FINANCE-ENDOWMENT.
Cash balance forwarded \$15,254.52
Received from August 20, 1914,
to August 20, 1915, inclusive 76,322.71
Collected at Selma meeting 2,008.00

Total \$93,585.23
Disbursed during year 78,415.45

Cash on hand at close grand lodge \$15,169.78
GRAND LODGE TREASURY

NOBLE ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN

The Heroines of Jericho in Their Forty-First Annual Communication Held at Macon, Mo., This Week Make History for the Order and Race.

MRS. C. R. McDOWELL, G. M. A. M., AN IDEAL PRESIDING OFFICER.

A Brilliant Assemblage of the Representative Women of the Race and a Body of Staunch and Loyal Supporters of the Masonic Home.

A Splendid Offering of \$232.70 Given by the Ladies of this Organization to Renovate and Beautify the Masonic Home.

**A HIGHLY INTERESTING AND ENJOYABLE SESSION—
MRS. DOLLIE STEVENS ELECTED GRAND M. A. M.**

M. E. Goins of Jefferson City. After which a social hour with refreshments was had. The annual address of the most representative organization of women of the race that have assembled in the state this year was of the most interesting, eloquent and comprehensive the Craft has ever heard, and at its conclusion she was tendered an ovation. The Grand Master, N. C. Crews, of Kansas City, was a welcome visitor and at the conclusion of the Grand Matron's address was extended the courtesies of the floor and in an address, evoked tremendous applause, paid high compliment to the character and ability of the Grand Matron, her magnificent address and the splendid representation of the foremost women of the state, who were in attendance at this Grand session. After the hearing of the reports of the various officers, the Grand Master was called before the pedestal and in a neat little speech Mrs. Ida B. Green of Joplin, Mo., presented a check for \$232.70 for the benefit of the Masonic Home. The Grand Master in response said that he was overwhelmed with this splendid testimonial from the Courts for our beloved institution, and accepted it in the name of the Grand Lodge and asked the Grand Matron to endorse the appointment of a committee composed of the following Past Grand Matrons: Mesdames McDowell Stevens of Hannibal, Mo., and Mrs. J. H. Garnett were fittingly and eloquently responded to by Mrs. Dollie Grand Matrons: Mesdames McDowell Stevens of Hannibal, Mo., and Mrs.

Carter of Kansas City, Dixon of Palmyra, and Kenner of Marshall, to meet at the Home at a date to be designated by the Grand Master, go carefully over it and report the physical needs of that institution, that suitable repairs and improvements may be made previous to the sitting of the Grand Lodge, and invited the Grand Court to send its executive officers to the next session of the Grand Lodge to be tendered a reception in conjunction with the officers of the Grand Chapter by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the state of Missouri and its jurisdiction. Among the distinguished Masons who visited the Grand Court were: Grand Master Crews, Grand Secretary G. W. K. Love, Grand Relief Secretary W. W. Fields, Past Grand Lecturer E. W. Perkins, Dr. Jno. E. Goins, Dr. C. R. McDowell, and Messrs. Innuit of Gallatin, Crockett of Kirksville and several others whose names our reporter did not obtain.

On Wednesday the election of officers was held, which resulted as follows, and after a spirited contest Mrs. Dolly Stevens of Hannibal, Mo., defeated Mrs. M. E. Goins of Jefferson City for Grand Most Ancient Matron by a vote of 230 to 191. The following are the officers for the ensuing year:

Grand Officers.

Mrs. Dolly Stevens, 1100 Lindell St., Hannibal, Mo., G. M. A. M.

Mrs. Sarah Robinson, Lexington, Mo., G. V. M.

Rev. M. S. Bryant, St. Charles, Mo., G. W. J.

Mrs. Lilah H. Swan, 1514 E. 17th St., Kansas City, Mo., G. C. Treas.

Miss Catherine White, 2732 Morgan St., St. Louis, Mo., G. S. Secy.

Mrs. Daisy McKnight, Kansas City, Mo., G. R. Treas.

Mrs. Ida A. Walker, St. Joseph, Mo., G. R. Secy.

Mrs. Mary E. Goins, 712 E. McCarty St., Jefferson City, Mo., G. B. Treas.

Mrs. A. J. Carter, Kansas City, Mo., G. B. F. Secy.

Mrs. Zenobia Grant, Macon, Mo., G. I. G. K.

Mrs. Pearl Brown, Joplin, Mo., G. O. G. K.

Mrs. N. H. Kenner, 265 S. Ellsworth, Marshall Mo., Chairman of F. C. Com.

The next place of meeting by a unanimous vote, is Independence, Mo.

INJUNCTION STOPS

U. B. F. MEETING

The Voice of
NATIONAL GRAND MASTER AND
ASSOCIATES RESTRAINED FROM
INTERFERING WITH STATE AF-

FAIRS WHEN ATTEMPT IS MADE
TO INVESTIGATE GRAND MAS-TER'S OFFICE

24/15.

Injunction papers secured by Grand Master C. A. Howze, of the United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of Mysterious Ten, restraining Dr. T. E. Speed, of Jefferson, Texas, national grand master, Hon. P. F. Hill, of Nashville, Tenn., deputy national grand master, Dr. J. S. Jackson, a special national deputy for Alabama, and their other associates, L. H. Harrison, I. L. Dismukes, Amanda Hines from in any way interfering with Howze's office, investigating his official conduct or for holding a mass state convention for that purpose, and which papers were served on the defendants immediately after the arrival of the national grand master for the purpose set forth in his printed proclamation, prevented to date any official action that was designed to provide relief for certain alleged troubled conditions confronting the order in this state.

For some time, in various ways, it has been noised about that the national grand master would investigate the office of the state grand master, on charges that had been preferred. In the meantime, Howze had preferred counter charges against his accusers. Dr. Speed made it plain that all the charges would be investigated, and such action taken as the majority of the members attending the mass state convention would decide. To prepare for the state convention, Dr. J. S. Jackson had been appointed a special national deputy. The injunction papers served on the individuals named were returnable within five days, and Dr. Speed emphatically declared that he came into Alabama to get the matter straightened out and that he was prepared to remain here until he did so.

"I am surprised at Mr. Howze's action," said Dr. Speed. "He had intimated that he had nothing to fear from an audit of his books and an investigation of his office. He knew that I was his friend, and that he would get a fair and impartial trial. I wired him just when I would reach the city, and I fully expected that as a brother official, he would have met me and extended to me ordinary courtesies."

In the meantime the office furniture which Mr. Howze has been using, together with the plant of the Birmingham Wide Awake, the official organ of the U. B. F. and S. M. T. fraternity has been sold at public auction to satisfy a mortgage held by James H. Dismukes.

From all indications it will be sometime within the next week before any decisive action can be taken.

Colored Men's Order Closed Annual Meeting This Morning, Electing New Rochelle Man For Grand Chancellor.

The closing meeting of the State convention of the colored Knights of Pythias was held in Wiggins' hall, 24 North Broadway, this morning. There were about 200 visitors present, of whom about 60 were delegates.

The following were the officers chosen for the ensuing year: Grand Chancellor, Lee Crawford, of New Rochelle; Grand Vice-Chancellor, H. Adolph Howell, of New York; Grand Prelate, Rev. J. L. Pinn, of Utica; G. K. R. and S., Dan Agys, of New York; G. M. Ex., William McFarland, of Brooklyn; Grand Secretary Reserve Fund, J. R. Hoyt, of Brooklyn; Past Grand Chancellor, D. R. Johnson, of Brooklyn; Treasurer Reserve Fund Department, P. W. Jones, of New York; Grand Medical Register, Dr. C. P. McClendan, of Brooklyn; Grand Lecturer, John R. Greene, of Yonkers; Grand Attorney and Representative Supreme Lodge (long term), W. A. Smith, of New York; Representative Supreme Lodge (short term), Lee Crawford; Grand Marshal, R. L. Zeno, of Brooklyn; Grand Master at Arms, E. W. Nailer, of Ithaca; Trustee, J. W. Strother, of Utica; Inner Guard, Theodore Thomas; Outer Guard, J. W. Elliot. Rev. H. L. Jones was elected delegate to the New Jersey Convention to be held in the latter part of October.

It was decided to hold the 1916 convention at Ithaca, N. Y.

Last night the various lodges paraded through the principal streets of the city to Hillside park. The parade was led by Grand Marshal J. L. Hawley, of Mount Vernon. The following uniformed lodges were in line: Chivaluck, of New York; Eureka, of Brooklyn, and Imperial of New York. The New Amsterdam band of New York, and Bowman's K. of P. band, of New Rochelle, furnished the music. At the park there was dancing and an exhibition drill. The Eureka lodge was awarded a cup for their drilling.

A resolution was passed thanking the citizens of Yonkers for the interest shown in the parade and the welcome given the visitors.

NEGRO GRAND MASTERS RELIEVED OF OFFICE

Fraternal Orders Will Be Reorganized to Overcome Factional Difficulties.

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Special to The Advertiser.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Jan. 12.—To settle the differences that have arisen in the United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of Mysterious Ten, a negro fraternal organization, Dr. J. S. Jackson, of this city, financial secretary of the African Methodist Episcopal Dr. R. M. Baranco of this city has been Church, has been appointed by the elected national physician of the Knights Church, has been appointed by the national grand master, J. E. Speed, of Peter Claver at the annual meeting held in Mobile, Ala., August 18 and 19. authority to call a special mass convention to meet in Birmingham for the purpose of reorganizing the order.

The former grand master, C. A. Howze, of Birmingham, is under charges of mal-administration and incompetency and is by this order of the grand master relieved of his responsibilities. Dr. Jackson's commission gives him jurisdiction also over the States of Georgia, Florida and North Carolina as well as Alabama. He is now issuing a call for a mass convention for this city, February 10th, and all members, whether financial or not, will be permitted to attend.

Dr. Jackson is well known in fraternal circles in Alabama and the whole South, and his unsolicited selection for this important task gives confidence in the future of the organization and assurance of the order's perpetuity.

DR. R. M. BARANCO ELECTED NATIONAL PHYSICIAN OF THE KNIGHT OF PETER CLAVER

By Wm. Venable.

Baton Rouge, La., Sept. 3.—Prof. Youngblood, A. B. A. graduate of the industrial and college courses of the Georgia State College, and a resident of Macon, Ga., has accepted the presidency of the Baton Rouge College. * * Memorial exercises were held August 22 at Wesley M. E. Church for Dr. M. C. B. Mason. Appropriate addresses were delivered by Dr. T. A. Walker, A. M., Prof. F. C. Blundon and the pastor, Rev. B. M. Mack Hubbard, D. D. * * The board of management of the Mutual Relief Home are engaged in erecting a comfortable home for the aged and infirm negroes. B. V. Jennings, secretary. * * B. V. Baranco was elected grand master of Louisiana District Grand Lodge No. 21, G. U. O. of O. F., at the recent grand lodge session held at Donaldsonville, La., defeating ex-Grand Director T. R. Woodward, who had the support of the Mills administration. * * Mrs. B. E. Hodges, 1008 St. Peter street, New Orleans, La., is spending a vacation of thirty days with her mother, Mrs. Annie Morgan, 317 Liberty street. * * The social given by Mrs. McMan at the home of Mrs. M. J. Earls at 1119 Africa street, in honor of the Willard sisters, met with a remarkable success. * * The ladies of Bethel A. M. E. Church gave a shoe party at Bethel Church on St. Hypolite street, Monday night, August 24. * * Mr. Thomas Smiler, after a few days' stay in New Orleans on business, returned safely to his home at 818 North street. * * A re-

ception was given at the new Grand Theater in honor of the Nelson sisters on the night of August 27—Miss Gussie Nelson, Miss Ethel Nelson and Miss Gladys Nelson were the guests of Miss Estell Thomas, 755 Middle street. * * Mr. John Dixon, 756 Europe street, left this city last Sunday, August 29, on a business trip to New Orleans for a stay of one week. * * A party was given last week at 635 St. Charles street by little Miss Clara Day, the daughter of Mrs. and Mr. J. L. Day, 635 St. Charles street, in honor of her little friends and met with much success. * * A new club has been organized at Bethel A. M. E. Church called the Bethel Volunteers. * * of the African Methodist Episcopal Dr. R. M. Baranco of this city has been

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NATION'S CAPITAL HAPPENINGS AT

Fifteenth St. Presbyterian Church

May Be Sold—Rev. Emory B.

Smith New Pastor at Lin-
coln Temple Church

Washington, June 18.—Mrs. Mabel Wormley Strudwick, who recently became the wife of Dr. W. C. Strudwick, of Durham, N. C., is in the city on a visit to her mother.

Hon. J. C. Napier and wife have returned to their home in Nashville, Tenn. Mr. Napier will be in the city frequently to look after the interests of the Supreme Order of Helpers of the World, of which he is the official head.

MC GUIINN PLEADS FOR SHRINERS

Baltimore Attorney Argues For
Colored Shriners Before

The Atlanta Court

Special to the American
Lester, Ga., Jan. 14.—The case

of Yarab Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, (white) in which they sought to enjoin Rabban Temple Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, (colored) for using the names, emblems, etc., of the Order, was concluded today after arguments by the counsel on both sides. The case was tried before Judge H. L. Patterson of a North Georgia circuit, and was elaborately argued by W. H. Terrill, J. L. Mason and W. A. Fuller, for the white

Temple, and George Gordon, of

Atlanta, and Warner T. McGuinn,

of Baltimore, for the defendants,

the colored Temple, from the point

of view of the Georgia statutes as

well as from the general principals

of equity.

The case was held Sub Curi, and

a decision will be handed down

later. All the judges of the Fulton

County Superior Court having dis- court of Calanthe, for which Emma qualified themselves, it was ne- Joe Cockrill, of Nashville, spoke greet- cessary to go outside of the county in- ings. An eloquent response for the grand lodge was made by Dr. W. A. Tate, presiding elder of the Knoxville district of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Rabban Temple, No. 27, is one of the Temples holding its charter from the Imperial Council, Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, and is one of the 68 Temples of the Order, all of which are colored members. The white Temple sought to prevent them from using the name of the Order and appearing as such in public. The case was tried a couple of months ago before Judge Bell of the Superior Court of Fulton County at Atlanta, and was decided in favor of the colored Temple. On account of the disqualification of Judge Bell, who had relatives who were members of the white Temple, the same case applied to all the judges in Atlanta and it was therefore necessary to go outside of Atlanta to secure a judge to sit in the case.

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FAVORABLE REPORTS BY NEGRO PYTHIAN OFFICERS

Patrolman Singleton's Daughter
Youngest Colored
Pythian, Introduced.

The morning session Thursday of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, was full of interest as the reports of the secretary and of the treasurer of the endowment board were read. The secretary, L. E. Brown, of Memphis, gave a detailed account of the expenditures and receipts of all moneys coming into his office, and his statements that created great enthusiasm, were verified by Wayman Wilson, treasurer, also of Memphis.

It was pointed out that since the last annual session of the grand lodge, more than \$32,000 has passed through the endowment bureau, and there is still a balance remaining of nearly \$23,000. Monday of this week, Secretary Brown reported the endowment board arranged to pay off more than \$6,000 in claims. Both reports were well received.

The grand lodge was paid a visit by a committee representing the grand

court of Calanthe, for which Emma Joe Cockrill, of Nashville, spoke greet- ings. An eloquent response for the grand lodge was made by Dr. W. A. Tate, presiding elder of the Knoxville district of the Methodist Episcopal church.

A feature of the morning session was the introduction of little Margaret Singleton, daughter of Patrolman John Singleton, who was introduced as the youngest Pythian in Tennessee. For the uniform rank department, the Castle hall, Brigadier F. C. Henderson, of Chattanooga, made remarks that won for his department many friends.

This afternoon and this evening, further reports will be read by grand officers and the election, most likely, will be held. It is conceded that Grand Chancellor J. P. Crawford will meet with very little opposition.

SUPREME COUNCIL OF MASONS HOLDS SESSION

Philadelphia, May 19.—The annual session of the United Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States was held at the Masonic Temple, South 11th street, last Friday. The most puissant sovereign grand commander, J. Frank Richard, of Detroit, presided.

Besides transacting a large amount of routine business, officers were elected and Indianapolis chosen as the next place of meeting. J. H. Murphy, of Baltimore, imperial potente of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Temple of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, was among the visitors introduced. Other visitors included: C. E. Dunlop, Indianapolis; J. M. Morris, Minneapolis; William Oscar Payne, Henry A. Spencer, John J. T. Jackson and James McCadden, all of New York; John J. Jones, Massachusetts; W. J. Hargett, Connecticut; Rev. F. T. M. Webster, Hon. W. W. F. Powell, James W. Allison and W. F. Miller, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

The following officers were elected: J. Frank Richards, Detroit, most puissant sovereign grand commander; R. E. Moore, Chicago, lieutenant sovereign grand commander; Dr. S. A. Furniss, Indianapolis, grand minister of state, and William A. Miller, grand secretary general, H. E.

Secret Societies - 1915 PROGRAM

OF THE NINTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE UNITED ORDER OF GOOD SHEPHERDS, U. S. A.

To Be Held in the City of Greenville, Ala., on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, July 21, 22 and 23, 1915, at the Lomax Hannon High School Building.

G. W. Chandler, Supreme President. Rev. E. W. Cooke, National Treasurer.

Mrs. S. L. Duncan, National Secretary.

Rev. R. C. Judkins, D. D., Master of Ceremonies.

Prof. J. R. Wingfield, Reporter.
First Day's Session.

On Wednesday morning, promptly at ten o'clock, there will be an agricultural parade in which there will be members in vehicles of all kinds. This parade will be led by Rev. G. W. Moorer, Supreme Chaplain, over the principal streets of Greenville. Music will be furnished by the Chapman brass band.

At 12 o'clock noon the Supreme Grand Session will be called to order by Supreme President G. W. Chandler.

Song, "And Are We Yet Alive To See Each Other's Face."

Scripture reading by Rev. J. L. Grayson, D. D.

Song, "Pass Me Not, O, Gentle Saviour."

Prayer—Supreme Chaplain, Rev. G. W. Moorer.

Song—Selected.

Introduction of visitors and members.

Wednesday Afternoon Business Continued.

Friday Night Session at A. M. E. Zion Church.

Promptly at 8 o'clock Master of Ceremonies, Rev. R. C. Judkins, D. D., will call the house to order.

Special reading by Rev. C. A. Smyley, D. D., Supreme Vice President.

Solo—Miss Fannie Lee McCarroll.

Welcome Address—Rev. S. A. Ruthford.

Duett—Misses Frances Cone, Ophelia Cook.

Response—Mr. L. L. Powell, State Grand Master Mosaic Templars.

Chorus—St. Paul Baptist Church Choir.

Annual sermon by Bishop J. W. Alston, D. D., LL. D., presented by Rev. E. W. Cooke, National Treasurer and Manager of Good Shepherds' Home.

Music—Butler Chapel Choir.

Prayer—By Rev. L. W. Calloway, D. D.

Solo—Mrs. Tony Ryan.

Remarks by Supreme President, G. W. Chandler.

Quartette—Misses Daisy Jordan, Lilian Woover, Clory Wingfield and Mr. Palmer Boyd.

Thursday Morning—Second Day's Session.

Devotional exercises conducted by Supreme Chaplain, Rev. G. W. Moorer at 9:30.

After devotional exercises are over the Supreme Grand Session will then take up unfinished business.

Thursday Afternoon—Business Continued.

Report of Shepherdsville, Rev. E. W. Cooke, Manager.

Thursday Night Session at St. Paul Baptist Church.

At 8 o'clock Master of Ceremonies, Rev. R. C. Judkins, D. D., will call the house to order.

Music—St. Paul Baptist Church.

Scripture Reading—Rev. L. D. Workman, D. D.

Prayer by Pastor Gulley.

Music—By First Baptist Church Choir.

Special Sermon—Rev. Wm. Madison, D. D., presented by Rev. C. A. Smyley, D. D., Supreme Vice President.

Music—Butler Chapel Choir.

Remarks by Supreme President G. W. Chandler.

Solo—Miss Frances Cone.

Friday Morning Session.

Devotional exercises conducted by Supreme Chaplain, Rev. G. W. Moorer.

Address by Mr. M. H. Hunter, subject: "Shepherdsville and Its Advance-ment."

Remarks by Mr. J. M. Smith.

Report of Board of Elders.

Business continued.

From 12 o'clock noon to 1 o'clock p.m., children's hour.

Busy Lambs.

Address to Worthy Mothers and Busy Lambs by Rev. J. L. Grayson, D. D.

Friday Afternoon's Session.

Supreme Chaplain Rev. G. W. Moorer, will conduct devotional exercises.

Promptly at 2:30 Supreme President G. W. Chandler will deliver his annual message.

Report of Board of Control and Trustees.

Master of Ceremonies, Rev. R. C. Judkins, will call the house to order at

Prayer—Rev. Williamson, pastor of First Baptist Church.

Music—High School Chorus.

After devotional exercises are over a general discussion will be entered

into relative to the health of our people and condition of the country and its needs by Rev. S. J. Elliott, D. D., National Grand Master of the Mosaic

Templars.

Duett—Lula L. Wingfield and Prof. J. R. Wingfield.

Dr. D. C. Northerross, Dr. H. M. Nutall and Prof. W. M. Rakestraw.

Quartette—Misses Clory Wingfield, Leonora Henderson, Messrs. Clai- borne B. Johnson and Willis McDaniel.

Duett—Mrs. M. L. Williams and Miss Lela Boyd.

Closing remarks by Supreme President, G. W. Chandler.

Supreme Officers.

G. W. Chandler, Supreme President. Rev. C. A. Smyley, Supreme Vice President.

Rev. G. W. Moorer, Supreme Chaplain.

OHIO TO ENTERTAIN

K. of P. SUPREME LODGE

The Knights of Pythias, April 1, 1915.

The machinery for making ready to entertain the Supreme Lodge and Encampment of the Knights of Pythias, which is to be held in this city in August, was set

in motion last week.

Knights of Pythias throughout the country, when they come to Columbus next August, will find that the entire state of Ohio is to be the host, rather than this city alone. The incorporation

last week, under the laws of the State of Ohio, of the "Supreme Lodge Entertainment Committee," marked the beginning of active steps to prepare for the reception of the Supreme Lodge, Court of Calanthe and Uniform Rank.

The officers of this Supreme Lodge Entertainment Committee consists of Attorney R. B. Barcus, president; W. H. Woods, vice president; W. H. Ferguson, Harris, record secretary; Dr. W. A. Method, treasurer; board of trustees,

the above-named and State Supreme Grand Chancellor W. L. Anderson, H. V. Jamison, Robert S. Allen, Col. Isaac Farley, Capt. C. C. Caldwell, the Rev. E. L. Gilliam, Miss Ollie B. Pettiford, Miss Mae Smith, Miss Nettie Wyatt and Miss Marie Jones.

It is expected that all the seventy-

four subordinate lodges throughout Ohio will contribute financially, and otherwise to give visiting Knights a week of entertainment surpassing that of any previous city in which the Supreme Lodge has convened.

Gov. Willis to Welcome Knights.

Memorial Hall, the largest and finest in the state, has already been secured for the great banquet and for the public entertainment, the auditorium of the white Chamber of Commerce has been secured for the entire week, in which to hold the Supreme Lodge sessions and Lynden Hall has been secured for the week's sessions of the Court of Calanthe.

The Governor of Ohio, Frank T. Willis, has consented to welcome the Knights on the part of the State, and Mayor George J. Karb has agreed to welcome them on behalf of the city.

Ample and beautiful grounds have been secured for the encampment, the grounds being reached by two lines of street railroads, ten minutes ride from the heart of the city. The white citizens will co-operate with the committee.

Supreme Chancellor Green, of New Orleans, and General R. R. Jackson, of the Uniform Rank, of Chicago, have both visited the city, inspected the plans prepared by the Supreme Lodge Entertainment Committee, and placed their O.K. on same. Grand Chancellor W. L. Anderson, of Cincinnati, with other grand lodge officers, are earnestly co-operating, and the Grand Lodge itself is lending every assistance, financial and otherwise.

It has been decided to purchase several hundred copies of THE AGE for the week of the Grand Lodge session for free distribution at the headquarters.

ELKS HONOR BALTIMOREAN

GEO. W. F. McMECHEN ELECTED ESTEEMED KNIGHT IN CHICAGO

Female Auxiliary Met--Mrs. Mary Hayes Preside

BIG TIME AWAIT THEM

State Grand Lodge and Local Committees Have Loyal

Welcome In Store.

The business sessions were held at the Odd Fellow's Hall. Reports from the various officers showed that the Antlered Herd were making substantial progress. It was decided to appoint a committee to find out a way for lifting the ban in New York State against colored Elks wearing pins of the Order.

The Baltimore delegation were going to press the claims of their city for the next session, when they found that O. V. Catlin Lodge, of Philadelphia, was making a strong bid for the next session, they threw their support to their sister city.

Armand Scott of Washington, and his friends were on hand to oppose T. Gillis Nutt, of Charleston, W. Va., for re-election as grand exalted ruler, but J. Frank Wheaton, of New York, made such an eloquent and winning speech in placing Mr. Nutt in nomination that Scott withdrew his candidacy.

Attorney George W. F. McMechen, of Baltimore, easily defeated Stewart vt, of Boston, for re-election as esteemed leading knight. William Lewis, of Baltimore, placed the g candidature in nomination and was defeated by a vote of 97 to

officers elected were George T. Minneapolis, esteemed lecturer-night; Adolph Howell, New York, esteemed loyal knight; George S. Jersey City, grand secretary; E. R. Carter, Richmond, Va., grand treasurer; Dr. Stevens, Wilmington, Del., grand outer guard, and William H. Stanton, Pittsburgh, Pa., grand attorney.

The Baltimoreans in attendance were Messrs. McMechen, Lewis, Raymond Cates, William Johnson and Lawson N. Duffin.

The Daughters of Elks, the female auxiliary, also met with Mrs. Mary Hodges, of Hampton, Va., presiding.

PYTHIANS MEET IN COLUMBUS

The Journal Next Session of National Body Will Convene In Ohio City

4/18/15 In August

BIG TIME AWAIT THEM

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Welcome In Store.

(Special to Journal and Guide.)

Columbus, Ohio.—Active steps were taken this week to prepare for the entertaining of the Supreme Grand Lodge and Encampment, Colored Knights of Pythias, which is to be held in this city in August. A Supreme Lodge entertainment committee, incorporated under the laws of Ohio, and to be under the jurisdiction of the State Grand Lodge, was incorporated last week with Attorney Robert B. Barcus, as president, Dr. W. A. Method, treasurer, and a board of trustees which includes in addition to these officers, state grand chancellor, W. L. Anderson, Robert S. Allen, Col. Isaac Farley, Rev. E. L. Gilliam, Capt. C. C. Caldwell, H. U. Jamison, Miss Mae Smith, Miss Nettie Wyatt, Miss Marie Jones and Miss Ollie L. Pettiford. Already the committee has secured the million dollar memorial hall here in which to hold the public entertainment and grand ball and banquet, the auditorium of the white chamber of commerce in which to hold the daily sessions of the Court of Calanthe. Beautiful and ample grounds located between two lines of street railway, and within ten minutes ride of the heart of the city, have been secured for the encampment of the uniform rank, and more than a thousand dollars will be expended to adapt these grounds to the needs of the uniform rank.

Governor Frank B. Willis has consented to deliver the welcoming address on the part of the state, and Mayor Geo. J. Karb has agreed to deliver a welcoming address on behalf of the city. Supreme grand chancellor of New Orleans and General R. R. Jackson of the uniform rank, Chicago, have both been here and inspected the plans and placed their O. K. on the same. The whole state of Ohio will co-operate in acting as host and making the stay of the thirty-five thousand visiting Knights and ladies expected a success, and in making this meeting of the Supreme Grand Lodge the greatest in every way in its history. Both white and colored people are actively co-operating, financially and otherwise, to afford a week of entertainment never before accorded a colored fraternity.

St. LOUIS AGAIN HEADS STATE NEGRO PYTHIANS

Grand Chancellor Aaron W. Lloyd of St. Louis was re-elected by the negro Knights of Pythias of Missouri at the closing session yesterday at Pythian Hall, 3137 Pine street. The lodge will meet next year in Springfield, Mo.

Other officers chosen were: A. C. Macklin, Hannibal, vice grand chancellor; J. B. Coleman, Columbia, president; W. T. Ancell, Huntsville, grand keeper of records and seal; Charles Baker, Farmington, grand master of the exchequer; B. F. Adams, Springfield, grand lecturer; W. J. Tompkins, Kansas City, medical register; A. M. Oliver, Cape Girardeau, master of arms; J. T. Ancell, Macon, grand inner guard; N. E. Brunson, Neelyville, grand outer guard; F. W. Dabney, Kansas City, past grand chancellor; L. A. Knox, Kansas City, grand attorney; Charles H. Brown and David E. Gordon of St. Louis, supreme representatives.

Mrs. Bertha T. Buckner was re-elected grand worthy counselor of the Grand Court of Calanthe, which met simultaneously with the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias. Miss Zenobia Williams of St. Louis also was re-elected secretary.

St. Louis Republic

AUG 26 1915 NEGROES TO UNVEIL SHAFT

Memorial Is to Founder of Knights and Daughters of Tabor.

The first monument to be erected to a negro by his own people in Missouri will be unveiled to-morrow noon in Father Dickson Cemetery, on Big Bend road, south of Kirkwood. It is for the man whose name is given to the cemetery, which is owned by negroes. The monument is a rough hewn pillar of red Missouri granite erected at a cost of \$2,000 by the Knights and Daughters of Tabor, International Order of Twelve. The organization was formed 61 years ago in St. Louis by Rev. Moses Dickson, negro preacher, editor and author.

The Knights and Daughters of Tabor are holding their ninth triennial grand session in Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion Church, Garrison and Lucas avenues. There now are 125,000 members, represented by 680 delegates from Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Colorado and California.

S. A. Jordan, International Grand Mentor of the order, will conduct the unveiling ceremonies. The delegates will go on a special Frisco train from Union Station at 10 a. m.

GEORGIA COURT DECIDES ADVERSELY TO NEGRO SHRINERS

Atlanta, Ga.—Judge H. L. Patterson today made permanent the injunction against the Negro Shriners of Georgia. It is understood that the case will be appealed to the United States Supreme Court.

The petition was brought in the Atlanta Courts some time ago by Potentate Forrest Adair, representing the Order, against Charles Faison et al., Faison being the potentate of the local Negro lodge. Judge H. L. Patterson of the Blue Ridge circuit was named to hear the suit for injunction, as every Atlanta judge was either a Shriner or a near relative of one. Judge Patterson granted a temporary injunction against the Negro Order, and this week made it permanent.

The injunction applies only to the State of Georgia, but it is expected to be followed by similar suits in those states where the Negro Order, said to be founded in Washington, makes its appearance.

G. U. O. of F. of G. of E. and W. H. Camden, N. J.—The eleventh annual convention of the G. U. O. of F. of G. of E. & W. H. held their session in Camden on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, August 9, 10 and 11 at Franklin Hall, Seventh street. The session was very nice and eighty-seven delegates were present. There was a fine street parade Monday evening led by Grandmaster E. E. Holland. Banners of various Tabernacles were floating all through the line of march.

One beautiful feature of the session was a lawn fete at Johnson's Lawn on Monday evening. All during the days of the session business prevailed, proving that the delegates elected were intelligent enough to legislate laws for the order.

The grand officers elected were as follows: E. E. Holland, grand master, New York City; Wm. H. Garrett, deputy grand master, Baltimore; Annie Hammond, grand associate; A. B. Daes, grand financial secretary; Lillie Prates, grand recording secretary, A. G. Turner, grand treasurer; B. G. Johnson, grand orator; Rev. J. W. Johnson, grand captain, Camden; Alfred Nixon, grand marshall; W. Randall, grand inner guard, Chas. Cleck, grand outer guard, Laura Bowie, grand conductor, Mary Lyons, G. R. H. S. to G. M.; Cornelia, G. L. H. S. to G. M.; Mary Beebe, G. R. H. S. to grand associate; Mary Gibson, G. L. H. S. to grand associate; Wm. E.

Mumford, grand installing master. The grand committee set up a degree house union Nov. 4 after all business was over and officers were installed by Mr. Mumford. A beautiful bouquet of flowers was presented to grand master Holland. Thursday morning the eleventh annual convention and dinner to meet in Kingston, N. Y., 1916.

NEGRO MASONS TO GATHER

Centennial Celebration of Grand Lodge to Be Held Here.

The centennial celebration of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, F. and A. M., of Pennsylvania, to be held in the local headquarters, No. 409 South Eleventh street, will draw several thousand members to this city next Thursday and Friday. The Eleventh street headquarters is the same building where the lodge was founded and is in splendid order despite its age.

The celebration will open Thursday morning with an assembly at the headquarters, from which the members will march to Musical Fund Hall, where Mayor Blankenburg is expected to deliver an address. Past Grand Master William H. Miller will deliver the address in response. Most Worthy Grand Master John P. Scott will deliver the oration and brief addresses will be made by prominent members of the Grand Lodge and subordinate lodges.

Exemplification of symbolic Masonry will be under the direction of Thomas W. Collins and Charles Reynolds, grand lecturers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in Musical Fund Hall in the afternoon and only Master Masons will attend. In another part of Musical Fund Hall on the same afternoon will be given a reception by the Courts of the Heroines of Jericho and Chapters of the Eastern Star to visiting members of the Adoptive Rite. The day's exercises will be closed with a banquet in honor of the centennial anniversary in Musical Fund Hall.

On Friday morning the Grand and subordinate lodges, visiting Grand and subordinate lodges will assemble at the Eleventh street headquarters and will march to Point Breeze Park, where a competitive drill will be staged for money prizes. The celebration will close with a reception in Musical Fund Hall in the evening.

Those in charge of the celebration are Peter A. Robinson, chairman; William H. Miller, vice chairman; Amos Scott, treasurer; Andrew S. Coles, secretary, and Charles Polk, assistant secretary.

TRUE REFORMER CASE DECIDED IN OHIO

Cincinnati, O., October 22.—A decision of importance to over seventy-five thousand people, mostly colored residents of Virginia, was handed down by Common Pleas Judge Fred L. Hoffman here today.

The action was against a fraternal and benefit order known as the Grand Fountain of the United Order of True Reformers having Richmond Va., as headquarters, and it holds that the

Reformers' Mercantile and Industrial Association is really a subsidiary of the Grand Fountain, and property held in the name of the latter can be subjected to claims against the Grand Fountain.

It is claimed here that a Richmond ex-officer of the order skipped out with a large sum, but even this has not seriously crippled the order.

The present action was a suit of Della Parks, technically to recover \$125 benefits from the Grand Fountain, and to subject property at 730 West Seventh street here, valued at \$18,000, and known as "True Reformers' hall," to the payment of this and other claims. The court found this property to be held in the name of True Reformers' Mercantile and Industrial Association, which declared itself separate from the Grand Fountain, Richmond, Va.

Judge Hoffman holds that, although the property title was taken in the name of the association, the association is governed and controlled by the Richmond Va., Grand Fountain; has practically the same officers and is really an integral part of the Richmond Grand Fountain and the two being separate in name only. Therefore the Grand Fountain members would be defrauded if the property was treated separately.

The court ordered the receiver of the property to sell it if need to satisfy the claim. This suit was only one of a number of claims against the Richmond Grand Fountain, and the court's finding will practically settle the other claims.

(News Leader)

NATIONAL TABERNARS ELECT OFFICERS.

At the close of the Ninth Triennial Grand Session of the Order of Twelve held in St. Louis last week, a twenty-foot marble shaft was unveiled in memory of the founder of the order, Rev. Moses Dickson, in the presence of nearly 5,000 people.

The following officers were elected for the next triennial: S. A. Jordan, I. C. G. M., Little Rock, Ark.; S. S. Reid, I. C. G. M., Marshall, Tex.; Jennie Jones, G. H. P., Jacksonville, Ill.; Mattie Brooks, I. V. G. P., Des Moines, Ia.; A. B. Chinn, I. G. G. S., Glasgow, Mo.; Annie M. Bowman, I. C. G. R., Louisville, Ky.; Seth Neal, I. C. G. T., Guthrie, Okla.; Ella E. Faison, I. G. Q. M., Indianapolis, Ind.; G. E. Newhall, I. G. P. P., Montgomery, Ala.; A. Cosey, I. C. G. Q., Mound Bayou, Miss.; Mattie Webster, I. C. G. P., Memphis, Tenn.; Lizzie Smith, I. G. I. S., Atlanta, Ga.

The next session will be held at Chicago, 1918.

Secret Societies - 1915

THE TWENTY-SECOND BIENNIAL GRAND COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL NATIONAL GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED ANCIENT YORK MASONs, A BRILLIANT SUCCESS.

Sessions Held in The Beautiful Roof Garden of The Odd Fellows Building, Corner Auburn Avenue And Bell Street, Atlanta, Georgia



BISHOP J. W. ALSTORK,

Most Worshipful National Grand Master of Free and Accepted York Masons of America.

side of the sea.

Tuesday, October 5th, at high noon After the usual rites of opening the Bishop J. W. Alstork, Most Worshipful National Grand Lodge, were performed National Grand Master, commanded, the call which ordered the assembling of the Grand Masters and representatives was read. Following this, the tatives from over thirty-five (35) warrant, which holds this Most Ven- States on the first day, sounded the erable body in tact, and which gavel, which called to order, perhaps, all the States in the Union, was the most representative body of col- also read by R. J. Simmons, National ored Masons ever assembled on this Grand Secretary. This warrant is a

very excellent instrument and is held in high esteem by every Royal Craftsman.

The usual committees were appointed and they handled with dispatch all matters put into their hands.

Reports.

One of the most significant items in the reports of Grand Lodges, was the fact that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania had held its one hundredth (100) Grand Lodge Communication this year and is in a healthy and prosperous condition, still exhibiting the same foresighted and statesmanlike principles found in the Van Brakle, Lopeman, Hilton and others who founded the National in 1847.

All the Grand Lodges made a fine showing and great advancement numerically and financially for the past three years. But in spite of South Carolina's great numbers, the loyalty of Delaware, Texas, Oregon, Alabama, Florida, Tennessee, Kansas and all the rest, Georgia seems to set the pace for them all, when it comes to Masonic discipline.

The report of Brother George W. Woods, of Kansas City, Mo., National Grand Lecturer, showed that he had been very active in visiting and corresponding with the various Grand Lodges.

Banners.

The National Grand Lodge Banner containing the life size picture of Prince Hall, the first Worshipful Master of color in the United States, Boston Smith and Thomas Sanderson, his wardens, keeps up a lasting inspiration, as well as aspiration for the best among the brethren. Many of the Grand Lodge banners were in evidence at this meeting; but the most beautiful and artistically designed of them all, was the banner of the Prince Hall West Coast Grand Lodge of Oregon. It shows that the Craftsmen of this far away western State, can appreciate the cunning workmanship of Master Mason. Rev. A. M. Mashack is Grand Master.

Public Exercises at Central Avenue

M. E. Church.

On assembling at the church, the congregation joined in singing "All Hail the Power." After devotion was completed, Dr. L. H. King, pastor of the church, with fitting remarks, presented Mr. S. S. Simmons, National Senior Warden, as Master of Ceremonies. Then the following program was rendered:

Welcome Address for the Smooth Ashler Grand Lodge of Georgia by R. J. Simmons, National Grand Secretary.

Welcome Address for the State of Georgia, His Excellency, Governor N. E. Harris, by Col. C. J. Moore.

Response by Bishop J. W. Alstork National Grand Master.

Music: "America."

Welcome Address for the Fraternity, Col. H. L. Johnson.

Response by Dr. I. L. Hardy, National Grand Joshua.

Music.

Welcome Address for the Ladies Courts of Atlanta, Mrs. May F. Simons, Grand Court Treasurer.

Response, Miss N. A. McQueen, National Grand Matron.

Welcome Address for the Church of Atlanta, Dr. L. H. King, Pastor Central Avenue M. E. Church.

His address, as usual, was full of thought, eloquence and scholarly de-

liverance.

Col. Moore, in representing the Governor, brought a very cordial statesmanlike message of welcome, and statesmanlike message of wel-

come, and assured the Craftsmen, for His Excellency, that they would have

the protection of the strong arm of the laws of Georgia while sojourning within her borders. This address was

happily received.

Col. Johnson was very happy in delivering his message for the fraternities of the city, and as Past Recorder of Deeds at Washington, brought hearty applause when he reviewed the

fact that no one could question the authenticity of York Rite Masonry

on any part of the globe.

The response by Bishop Alstork was delivered as no one else but him could do it,—full of wit, humor and wholesome instruction.

Dr. Hardy came in his turn with a budget well laden with historic nuggets which he handed each one in the audience, as it became one of his ability.

The two ladies on the program depicted themselves with queenly dignity and ability, and received the hearty congratulations of all present.

At the close of these exercises a handsome collection was raised and handed to the pastor. But just before closing, splendid resolutions of thanks were read by the Secretary for

Col. Moore and Col. Johnson for their excellent messages. Drs. King and Hardy were also included. Col. Moore was asked to tender our hearty thanks to His Excellency, the Governor, for his kindness.

National Grand Master's Address.

The Triennial Address of the N. G. M. was a very masterly document containing over eight thousand words.

It occupied the main part of an afternoon. In this address is recounted all his Masonic doings as N. G. M. for the past three years. The matter contained therein, will help furnish the

Masonic History for our posterity for coming generations. These addresses are to be kept in the archives along with all the precious treasures. This

address was received with great acclamation. It showed that he had traveled thousands of miles, made

many important rulings, and set many wholesome examples that will guide

those who are to follow, for many years to come.

So well pleased were the brethren by this address and the splendid services rendered by the good bishop, that

with chosen words of commendation, Dr. A. R. Robinson, National Deputy Grand Master, made a motion to suspend the rules and elect him by acclamation to succeed himself. This was done by a unanimous vote. Many of the brethren expressed themselves as being highly pleased at his able

leadership, and some stated that he should hold the office of National Grand Master as long as he lived. Among the speakers were Rev. Bridges and O'Neal. On motion of Dr. L. H. King, an additional donation of \$500 per annum was voted to him.

On the following day, the brethren desiring to further express their appreciation of his services as N. G. M. purchased a beautiful cane, and after many speeches, it was presented to him by Rev. R. R. O'Neal. The bishop responded with touching remarks. We know we are safe in following such a godly gentleman as Bishop Alstork.

Foreign Correspondence.

This is one of the grandest and most satisfactory features of the recent session. It settles publicly for all time, the question as to the most Worshipful National Grand Lodge of F. & A. A. Y. Masons being an International Institution. Letter from the Grand Lodge of England, the Mother Grand Lodge of the world, to the Most Worshipful National Grand Lodge, F. & A. A. Y. Masons, colored, in the United States and Provinces, in its Twentysecond Triennial Grand Communication assembled. Letters from the Proud Emperor of Germany, sending His Majesty's warmest fraternal greetings, etc., etc. Letters from His Excellency, the President of Cuba and the President of the United States.

The National Grand Lodge warmed up as in days of yore, when these letters were read by Mr. R. J. Simmons, National Grand Secretary. He has succeeded in renewing and keeping up the International relations in a very acceptable way since he has been in office. The Craftsmen and the bishop are much pleased with his services, as he makes a splendid aid to the National Grand Master in conducting the correspondence, both domestic and foreign. He is chairman of the Committee on International Correspondence. Was elected to succeed himself without opposition. He was chairman of the Committee on Entertainment for the recent session in Atlanta, and it was by his efforts that Governor Harris consented to extend welcome, by his representative He also secured Dr. King, Col. Johnson and others to speak.

This was a very harmonious and profitable session. The visitors were much pleased at the splendid colored enterprises in the city, and especially the great Odd Fellows Block.

The officers elected Bishop J. W. Alstork, Alabama, N. G. M.; Dr. A. R. Robinson, Philadelphia, National Dep-

tuy G. M.; S. S. Simmons, Georgia, N. Senior Warden; Rev. J. D. Lovejoy, Georgia National Junior Warden; Rev. A. G. Kennedy, S. C. N. Treas.; R. J. Simmons, Georgia, N. G. Secretary. Those appointed were O. B. Jones, Ohio Tyler, S. P. Holmes, Kentucky Marshall; A. W. Starns, Tennessee, Swordbearer; S. Deacon, J. E. Harris, Georgia; J. Deacon, Rev. R. E. Boykins, S. C.; S. Steward, W. M. Strickland, Ga.; J. Steward, H. L. Stewart, S. C.; Pursuant, S. A. Morris, Ga.

A splendid Board of Trustees and a competent force of Corresponding Secretaries were appointed. Prof. T. H. Pickney, of S. C., one of the corresponding secretaries, assisted the National Secretary during the session.

The Ladies Court Work.

Too much can not be said about the splendid work of the ladies. They furnish great inspiration as well as material help to the brethren.

They held their Triennial session in the Odd Fellows Building also. Their National Matron, Miss N. A. McQueen, assisted by Mesdames Valentine and Goin, of Alabama; Mitchell, Paden and Wilson, of Georgia; Starns and Davis, of Tennessee; Johnson, of South Carolina, and a countless number of others from other States, exhibited the ability of the Matrons of old. The crowning event of their session was the presenting of an elegantly constructed ark, which was the work of Bro. L. W. Paden.

Their work and election having been completed, they marched into the Roof Garden and were installed with very elaborate ceremonies by the National Grand Master. The brethren were installed by Dr. I. L. Hardy, National Grand Joshua.

All things incident to the closing having been done, this venerable and enlightened body was closed in due form to hold its next session in Louisville, Ky., the first Tuesday in October, 1918.

COLORED ODD FELLOWS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Columbus AUG 14-15
Athens, Ga., August 13. (Special.)

The grand lodge of the colored Odd

Fellows of Georgia adjourned last

night to meet next year in Macon.

More than 2,000 delegates and several

hundred other visitors were in at-

tendance through three days' sessions.

Officers were elected as follows:

B. S. Ingram, of Macon, grand master;

J. M. Pitts, deputy grand master;

B. J. Davis, of Atlanta, grand secretary;

T. C. Styles, grand treasurer; W. D. John-

son, grand director, and W. L. Hughes,

E. J. Matthews and T. J. Pressley, grand auditors.

The order has 70,000 members in 135 counties of the state,

with 1,131 lodges and "households,"

owns 231 acres of land and has sold

350 lots at "Odd Fellows' City," has

paid out in death claims in the past

year \$262,000, has monthly rentals of

\$1,650, monthly revenue from endow-

ment of \$35,000, and yearly revenue

from loans of \$12,600.

It was decided to establish an old

folks' home in southwest Georgia.

B. R. Holmes, president of the

Holmes Institute, of Atlanta, delivered

an address in the interest of the in-

stitute.

Colored Knights Decide to Revoke Virginia Charter

Supreme Lodge Ends Long Controversy at Final Session on Saturday Night.

PLAN TEMPLE AT CHICAGO

Convention Brought to Columbus Real Luminaries of Colored Race in United States.

The Supreme Lodge, Colored Knights of Pythias, concluded its sessions in the Chamber of Commerce Saturday at midnight, after a whole day of debate and legislation.

Resolving itself into the committee of the whole, the Supreme lodge heard the charges against John Mitchell, Jr., of Virginia, and recommended that the charter of that state be revoked. The recommendation was adopted by a big majority, thus ending a controversy of long standing. This decision of the Supreme lodge, however, does not affect the litigation now pending in the courts of the District of Columbia. The case was handled by Supreme Attorney Watkins, who was aided by Wilford H. Smith of New York.

MAY ERECT TEMPLE.

The night session was taken up with reports from committees, some of which enlivened the session with a wide range of debate. It was decided to take steps towards erecting a great national temple at Chicago, and the motion to levy a tax for that purpose brought a sharp division in the Supreme lodge.

The recommendation of the supreme chancellor to erect monuments to Thomas W. Stringer and Samuel W. Tark was adopted.

Resolutions thanking the newspapers of Columbus for the manner in which reports of the meetings and the campment were handled passed amid great applause, and after many speeches warmly praising the fairness

and courtesy of the newspapers had been made.

WILL GIVE ADDRESS.

Roscoe Conkling Simmons, reporter of the Supreme Grand Lodge, of New York City, widely known as a leading colored orator and journalist, will give an address Sunday night in the Eleventh Street Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Simmons is in Columbus in attendance upon the Supreme Lodge Colored Knights of Pythias, of which he was one of the busiest members. His reputation as a platform speaker is not confined to his race, as he is in steady demand for important national gatherings. Special music has been arranged for the lecture.

LIGHTS OF NEGRO RACE.

A larger and more imposing array of the high lights of the colored race never met in Ohio than was brought to Columbus by the biennial meeting of the colored Pythians. Orators, statesmen, bankers, doctors, lawyers, preachers, teachers and business men compose the membership of the only deliberative body among American negroes. They call themselves the "get there" contingent of the race.

The United States census declares that colored Americans pay taxes on more than \$800,000,000 worth of property. Very naturally most of this vast ownership is located in the South. Discussing the personnel of the Supreme lodge, Saturday, several of the best informed members concluded that more than \$1,000,000 as represented in that convention.

MANY ARE COLLEGE MEN.

The representatives are all educated men, some from Harvard, others from Yale, and many from the best colored seats of learning in the South. The supreme chancellor, S. W. Green, however, is from no school of established renown, although rated by well-informed men as the soundest fraternal leader in the country. In addition to his position in the Supreme lodge, he is also grand chancellor of Louisiana.

POSTPONES APPEAL OF NEGRO SHRINERS

The case of Charles Faison et al. v. Forrest Adair et al., which grew out of an injunction brought by Mr. Adair Free and Accepted Masons of Texas, and other nobles of Yaarab temple, body of colored Masons, who have in attendance several of their dignitaries. The Faison and other negroes alleged to have organized an order in imitation of the Mystic Shrine, was postponed when it came Monday upon appeal before the state supreme court.

The postponement was due to the fact that two or three of the supreme court justices will find themselves disqualified to hear the case because of their membership in the Mystic Shrine or close relationship to Shriners. Governor Slaton will be asked to appoint superior court judges to sit in the place of the judges who will disqualify themselves.

The injunction was asked in Fulton Superior court, but the judges of this court were disqualified and the hearing was held before Judge H. L. Patterson, of the Blue Ridge circuit, who granted the injunction.

Philadelphia Record

COLORED MASONS PARADE

Celebrate Centennial of Ancient York Rite Fraternity.

The biggest celebration of its kind ever held in this State took place yesterday at the Varick Memorial Temple, Nineteenth and Catherine streets, to mark the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Ancient York Rite Masons. The members of the Grand Lodge assembled at Nineteenth and Catherine streets for a parade, with more than 200 in line, and among the guests were about 40 members of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, and their Royal Arch Chapter, as well as the ladies' court, Heroines of Jericho.

The anniversary sermon was delivered by Dr. J. M. Cornell, past grand master of Tennessee, who also delivered the invocation, opening the services in the evening. The visiting members were given a reception by the high officers of the Pennsylvania Lodge. The ceremonies were presided over by the grand master of Pennsylvania, H. E. Workman, of Waynesboro, Pa., who also delivered the opening address welcoming the members and the visitors.

This lodge is the oldest independent order of negro Masons in the United States, and is under the jurisdiction of the National Grand Lodge. It was formed on September 20, 1815. Among the discussions at the celebration was that of the history of the Masons of Prince Hall. The names of all the grand masters of Pennsylvania since the formation of the lodge were read by the grand secretary, H. E. Hickey. A history of the troubles of the Pennsylvania order was delivered by Past Grand Commander Joseph Washington, of Pittsburgh.

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COLORED MASONS MEETING.

Sunset Grand Lodge Opened Session in Houston.

Convening in Houston at the present time is the Sunset grand lodge, Ancient Order of the Mystic Shrine, a body of colored Masons, who have in attendance several of their dignitaries. The session opened Tuesday morning, August 3, at Hardy's hall, at 10 o'clock, with Rev. J. F. P. Bradley, D. D., presiding.

Following committees were appointed: Credentials, A. Lincoln, L. Austin, Dr. W. A. Allen; petitions, P. C. Hunt, D. D., T. S. Verette, B. H. Heard; constitution and by-laws, S. M. Robinson, A. B. Robinson, Ed Monroe; grievances, J. S. McCoy, O. B. Dewitt, J. H. Lyon; grand officers' report, G. S. Ware, D. Walker, G. W. Harris.

The afternoon session was devoted to enrollment of delegates, and a school of instruction was formed, conducted by Grand Master J. F. Bradley, which proved to be profitable and pleasureable.

On the second day more delegates arrived in the city. Reports of committees were heard in the forenoon and an ad-

dress was made by Hon. George S. Walton.

Reports were given from visiting representatives at the afternoon session, followed by election of officers, as follows: Rev. J. F. P. Bradley, D. D., most worshipful grand master; Rev. J. S. McCoy, deputy grand master; W. A. Allen, M. D., grand secretary; W. J. Laws, D. D., senior warden; Prof. J. T. Ware, junior warden; G. S. Conner, M. D., grand treasurer; Rev. J. S. H. Lynn, grand chaplain; T. S. Verette, grand tiler.

Over 800 Negroes To Take Scottish Rite

More than 800 colored men will be initiated into the Scottish Rite degrees of Free Masonry by Capt. W. T. M. Grant, Sr., thirty-third degree, most puissant sovereign grand commander, who will leave this city on a trip to the Pacific coast next Tuesday. Captain Grant is to visit Los Angeles, Fresno, Oakland, San Francisco, San Diego and Sacramento, Cal., at each of which places he will preside over initiations.

The distinguished colored Mason is widely known. On his trip to the International Masonic Congress held at Luxembourg, France, in 1912, he was confirmed as the second highest colored member of the fraternity in the world, with headquarters at 21 Carondelet street, this city.

He is grand master of the M. W. St. Andrew Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. (colored) of Louisiana, president of the General Grand Masonic Congress A. F. and A. M. (colored) of the United States and Canada, and president of the International Bureau of Masonic Information of the World (colored).

The itinerary of his present trip to the coast was arranged by Edward Jones, deputy inspector general for California and Oregon.

ST. PAUL, MINN.
Despatch
AUG 10 1915

NEGROES' HALL READY SOON

Architect and Contractor Promise Colored Societies to Complete Structure by October 1.

That Union hall, a \$16,000 structure being erected at Kent street and Aurora avenue for the negro societies of St. Paul, will be complete and ready for occupation by October 1 was the assurance given the board of directors at its meeting in the club rooms last night by J. O. Cederberg, architect, and H. M. Seby, contractor.

The date of dedication will be decided by the directors Thursday night. Charles Miller is chairman of a committee in charge of the dedication plans.

777---A STRICTLY NEGRO ORDER—333

The Knights and Daughters are Making a Wonderful Showing Under the Guidance of a Safe Leader.

ORDER HAS GROWN WEALTHY

Rev. Sir Frank Wilson and His Co-Workers are Making the Order of Twelve a Great and Grand Institution--Its a Proud Monument to Negro Thrift and Energy.

Being of a strictly Negro origin, contributed to the brilliant leadership of Chief Grand Mentor, Sir Rev. Knights and Daughters of Tabor Frank Wilson, who must be dubbed a born leader. Our race is sadly in need of true leaders, and this God-like man fills the bill. At no time has he over-looked an opportunity to ameliorate the condition of our people, and being fired with the spirit of that noble spirit—Father Dixon nothing but success must be expected. Sir Knight Wilson is not given altogether to loud regalia, but business, and under his administration the order has a Taborian Home for the old decrepit men and women, and orphan children. This Home is located in Topeka, in a popular part of the city, and is valued at \$6,500. Sir Knight Wilson inaugurated the Burial Fund Department, which cost each member 20 cents for each funeral. The first funeral, under the new system, was held at Williams-town, Kansas, a few weeks ago, and the undertaker was paid before he left the cemetery. This department is destined to work a great good for the order. This leader is instilling in the membership, the building of lodge halls, laying out parks, etc., amounting to thousands of dollars. In fact, Mr. Wilson is injecting into the brothers and sisters the idea of owning something and doing business.

We know of no organization that's doing more for the race, that works along similar lines. The magnifi-

Along moral and religious lines, he is living the life that any one may emulate, and not one word of scan-dal or dishonesty has ever been said or done. He has faithfully discharged the duties of his office in the Kansas and Nebraska Jurisdiction, but everyone has implicit confidence in him as a man, and the wonderful encouragement in making it even a showing made by the order demonstrates that they made no mistake in imposing in him confidence.

He is a leader that stands for something, and owns valuable property in Topeka; his home is a good one, presided over by a good wife. These excellent people are blessed with two sweet children—a boy and a girl. He is in sympathy with his official family and all toil in the advancement of the organization. The "Judas" of the order is Sir Knight William Core, whose administration of the affairs of the office of treasurer stands above criticism. This gentleman is a man who believes in right and is not only an honor to the Taborians, but the race. Another strong man is Hon. J. H. Downs of Kansas City, Kansas, who is filling with credit the office of Taborian Home Treasurer. Such men looking after the affairs of the order are compelled to make the organization take front rank in secret society circles. He has handled the funds of his department honestly, his administration of affairs meet the approval of the membership.

Another official who is exercising the duties of his office with honesty and credit, is Sir Knight A. W. Hopkins, Chief Grand Scribe, whose home is in Leavenworth. No member has done more to bring success to the order than this good man and his official conduct meets the approval of the order, because he does his whole duty.

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BESSEMER NEGRO

DOING BIG WORK

The Voice of The

~~J. F. THOMAS AT HEAD GRAND
BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION
ATTAINS WONDERFUL RECORD IN TEN YEARS IN BUILDING A GREAT BENEVOLENT WORK FOR HIS PEOPLE.~~

*3/21/15,
HIS DESIRE IS TO SERVE.*

Started Out Penniless, Now Has Institution With Nearly 400 Lodges of Much Value.

One of the most noteworthy signs of progress to be seen in the Birmingham district is the work of J. F. Thomas, a young Negro residing at Bessemer, who in less than ten years has built up a substantial following in the Grand Benevolent Association, a fraternal benefit institution operating on the lodge plan. Mr. Thomas proceeds on the theory that the Negro can best accomplish success by working together. Formerly a minister, he states that he came to Bessemer ten years ago without a penny and had to pawn his suitcase and clothing for his first week's board.

Now, under his management, the Grand Benevolent Association operating in eight states has headquarters in a handsome three-story brick building in Bessemer, at Twenty-fifth street and Dartmouth avenue, and has record of meeting its obligations that should well incite the envy of similar Negro concerns. The records show that the association has never had a lawsuit, and numbers among its members many thousands of Negroes who have been taught to save their earnings and are now in comfortable circumstances.

The G. B. A. Temple, as the build-

groes of Bessemer as headquarters for their varied activities. A large lodge hall accommodates many meetings, while a roof garden affords a place of amusement for the young people in the summer months. A restaurant and an ice cream parlor on the ground floor take up the store room space.

Whatever criticism may be leveled at the Negro for his lodge and secret order activities, the fact remains that through these channels much has been accomplished. Simply by garnering in the nickels and dimes of his people, giving them a sort of protection as insurance they would not otherwise receive, and using the surplus in substantial real estate to guarantee the payment of claims, J. F. Thomas has built up a remarkable institution, giving employment to more than a hundred young people of the race. His work was pronounced by J. O. Diffay, president of the Alabama Penny Savings Bank, as the best work he has seen by a young Negro in his life.

"The Negro in business must encourage the other Negro," said the unassuming Thomas, "and in trying to do this, we have picked out as many young men and women as we could and have given them work to do. More than that, we carry some of our money in the colored bank, and are trying to help our folks who are helping and encouraging us." The remarkable record of this organization is not the result of spasmodic efforts, but is a substantial growth, as the records in the home office will show and the grand master states that new lodges are constantly being organized. Thomas stands well in the estimation of the leading people of Bessemer, both white and colored, and is regarded by his own people as a safe leader.

The Grand Benevolent Association was organized in 1907, and since that time 358 branches or local lodges have been organized. The association has branches in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida and Virginia. The membership now approximates 16,000 and the headquarters in Bessemer, recently erected cost \$10,000. The work as it stands today is a monument to the great work he is doing. The biggest thing about him is his modesty and the desire to be of service to his people.

INTERESTING REPORT OF NEGRO MASON.

Selma, Ala., Aug. 25, 1915.

Editor The Advertiser: 8-27-15
More than twenty thousand colored Masons of Alabama and their wives and widows are interested in the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Chapter Eastern Star, which held their annual meetings last week in Selma.

The following is a report of receipts and disbursements for the year made at the Selma meetings.

As the official reporter for the Grand Lodge, I am asking you to help me circulate the information, assuring you it will do much good.

A. F. OWENS.

\$126,912.26 Received.

Selma, Ala., Aug. 25, 1915.

To The Advertiser:

Rev. A. F. Owens, of Selma University, official reporter for the Alabama Grand Lodge, (colored), A. F. and A. M., gives out the following final report on the financial status of the Grand Lodge. Walter Thomas Woods, Mobile, Grand Master, and the State Grand Chapter, Eastern Star, Royal Grand Matron, Janie M. Balasco, Mobile, and Rev. I. H. Rose, Wetumpka, in charge.

Reports from 585 local lodges were read, showing a membership of 16,000. Ten new lodges were added. All old officers re-elected.

Finance—Endowment.

Cash balance forwarded	\$15,254.52
Receiver from Aug. 20th, 1914	
to Aug. 20, 1915, inclusive ..	76,322.71
Collected at Selma meeting	2,008.00
Disbursed during year	78,415.45

Cash on hand at close Grand Lodge	\$15,169.78
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Grand Lodge Treasury.

Cash balance forwarded	\$ 2,643.60
Collected during the year	8,828.70
Collected at the Selma meeting	1,000
Disbursed during the year	12,472.30

Cash on hand at close Lodge	\$ 1,261.75
Grand total received	\$106,057.53
Grand total disbursed	89,626.00

Cash on hand in both departments	\$ 16,431.53
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Eastern Star.

Amount forwarded, endowment	\$ 3,983.77
Collected during year	14,235.46

Disbursed during the year	\$18,219.23
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In bank on interest	\$ 2,467.93
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Surplus with all claims paid	\$ 3,467.93
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Grand Chapter treasury forwarded	\$ 75.75
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Received during year	1,559.75
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Disbursed by A. V. Moore, treasurer	\$ 1,635.50
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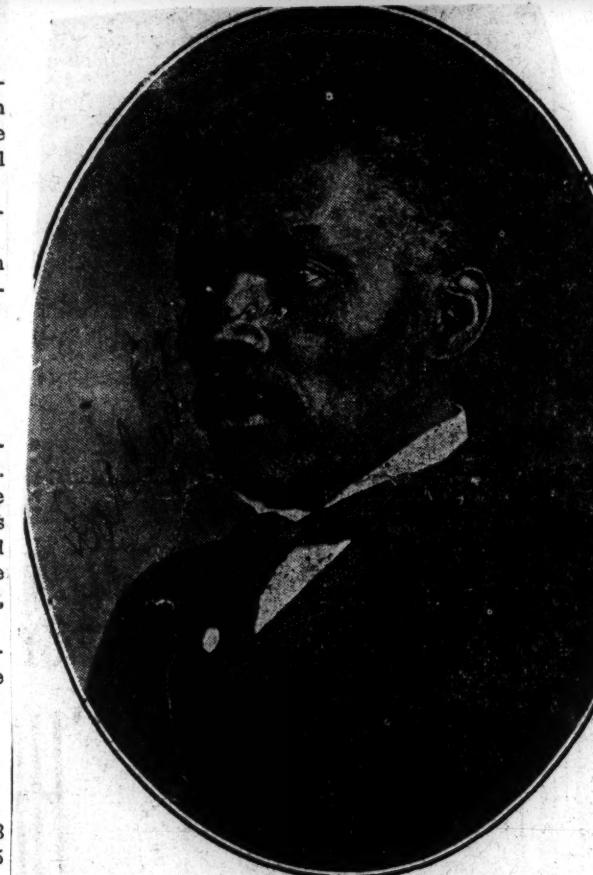
Total received by both departments	\$ 126.87
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Total received by both lodges	20,854.73
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Total received by both lodges	\$126,912.26
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The report of the auditors of the Grand Lodge confirms the report I am sending out with the exception of the money received during the Selma meeting.

A. F. OWENS.



S. R. JOHNSON, Director.
Dallas, Texas.

President Mayes Medicine Co. (Inc.),
Dallas, Texas.

**National Grand Encampment
of Tents Will Convene Here**

The Twenty-third Bi-ennial Session of the R. W. N. G. Encampment of the United Order of Tents of the J. R. G. and J. U., will convene in their buildings, 1620—22 North Church street, Wednesday morning, October 27th, at nine o'clock. Representatives from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia and North Carolina will be in attendance. Many visitors are expected to attend the Encampment. On Wednesday night the memorial exercises in memory of Mrs. Annetta M. Lane will be held in St. John's A. M. E. church. Prominent speakers will take part. The public is cordially invited to attend.

On Friday night the great white entertainment, supplemented with scenes from the beautiful cantata, "David the Shepherd Boy" will be rendered by a chorus of one hundred voices.

"The Malachites" Become Owners of the Washington Sun.

The Washington Sun, a clean and wholesome race journal, which has been conducted for sixteen months with marked success by Dr. Julia P. H. Coleman, is to be the official organ of the Order of Malachites, of which Lawyer L. Melendez King is the founder and Supreme Governor. The Malachites have purchased the controlling interest in the paper, but Dr. Coleman retains a large block of stock in the business and will continue to take an active part in the direction of the general policy of the institution. The tremendous growth of the business of the Hair-Vin Company, of which Dr. Coleman is the presiding genius, made it necessary for her to give it a larger share of her time and she decided to accept the very flattering offer made by Governor King of the Malachites, to take the property over. The price paid by the order represents a handsome profit to Dr. Coleman, and opening the eyes of the people of the capital as to the possibilities of a high-class race paper here. This splendid woman has richly earned the reward that has come to her. The change takes effect at once and The Sun will be issued by the new management this week. Lawyer King has arranged to continue the services of the writers of the Coleman staff, and will make important additions from time to time. The people wish the courageous Mr. King every success in his new field.

Indianapolis, Ind.

JUL 26 1915

COLORED K. OF P. IN SESSION

1,500 Delegates Expected to Attend Session at South Bend.

[Special to The Indianapolis News]

SOUTH BEND, Ind., July 26.—More than 300 delegates of the colored Knights of Pythias of the state arrived in the city last night and today to take part in the eighteenth annual state session of the grand lodge Knights of Pythias and the eleventh annual session of the grand court, Order of Calantha, which began this afternoon and will close Thursday evening.

A number of the grand lodge officers are here, including E. P. Tidrington, grand chancellor of the state. It is expected 1,500 delegates will be here by Wednesday.

The program tonight, in charge of Charles H. Bell, master of ceremonies, includes speeches by Mayor Fred Keller, Ernest P. Tidrington, Edward Curtis, Dr. E. R. Goddie, Mrs. Cora B. Ash and Mrs. Julia Reed.

The Triennial Session of the Knights and Daughters of Tabor was held in St. Louis. Sir S. A. Jordan of Little Rock is the chief. Sir S. S. Reid of Texas is second in command. The session was attended by some 700 or 800 delegates, 40 of whom came from the Lone Star State. The Order showed tremendous progress notwithstanding the panic. The flag of the Immortal Twelve and the eternal memory of Father Moses Dickson goes triumphantly marching on.

The next meeting will be held in Chicago. More anon.

**COLORED ORDER OF MASONS
MEETS AT VARICK TEMPLE**

Hold Business Session, Parade and Listen to Addresses

Declaring that his order "is the only true order of Free Masons" among the negroes and there was never any need of disagreement among them, the Rev. J. M. Cornell, P. G. M., of Tennessee, in delivering the centenary address to the Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons, colored, at Varick A. M. E. Zion Temple, 15th and Catharine streets, yesterday afternoon, said that this is "the oldest order of colored Free Masons in America."

At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon the line of Masons, Knights Templar and Heroines of Jericho in automobiles, with two bands of music, left the church and paraded up 19th street to Lombard, to Broad, to Christian, to 19th and back to the church, where the sermon was delivered. H. E. Workman, grand master of Pennsylvania, made the opening address. The morning was taken up with registration of the 20 delegates from this city, Frankford, Waynesburg and Chester, and Wilmington, Del.

The visiting heads of lodges were Grand Masters John Hollis and John Jeffries, of Wilmington and Chester, respectively; Mrs. Martha Turner, W. G. M., of Chester, and Mrs. Kaziah Green, W. G. M., of Wilmington, of the Heroines of Jericho.

In the evening there was a continuation of the centennial exercises at the church, at which W. Freeland Kendrick, Receiver of Taxes, delivered a short talk. The business sessions of the grand lodge will begin at 9 o'clock this morning in their hall, at Kensington and Frankford avenues.

**ANNUAL STATEMENT PYTHIAN LOAN
AND SAVINGS ASSOCIATION**

ASSETS	
Balance due on Ban Pythian Temple Co.,	\$193.25
Secured mortgage	4.50
Bal. on loan, Pythian People Co., (Note)	373.82
Other loans secured by negotiable papers	10.00
Association Passbooks	6.50
Cash on hand and in banks	648.07

LIABILITIES

Due full shareholders	\$530.69
Undivided profits	117.38
648.07	

Auditors: Wm. H. Booker, E. V. Stokes, Clarke L. Smith

Annual stockholders meeting Friday evening, Feb. 26th, at 1138 Druid Hill avenue, 8:30 o'clock. The Association meets every Friday from 7:30 to 9 o'clock.

Wm. I. Butler, Jr., President.
Wm. E. McKinnon, Secretary.
A. O. Reid, Treasurer.
W. Ashbie Hawkins, Attorney.

Secret Societies - 1915

Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. Holds Remarkable Session

Voice of the People 8/8/15

All Grand Officers Re-Elected. Some Changes in the
Endowment Department. Voice of the
People Remains Official Organ

At nine o'clock on Tuesday morning in the chapel of Selma University, Grand Master Woods sounded the gavel. In opening the 38th annual communication of the A. F. & A. M., the Grand Chaplain opened "Am I a Soldier of the Cross", followed by an ardent prayer and the reading of a scripture lesson. The Grand Lodge was then opened properly for business with an unusually large attendance present. The Grand Master Woods is looked up to as a champion of righteousness and truth and an executive officer did not indicate any stringency of the times nor any lessening of interest in the Masonic order. Reports showed that the membership of the fraternity has held up well, several Grand Officers were all passed upon new members having been sent up and they were re-elected. In the cast of each one the rules were suspended and they were elected by acclamation only in one case where opposition developed and that was in the case of Prof. A. A. Peters, Secretary of the Endowment Department. Finally after some discussion and the special interest of substantial friends, he was re-elected.

During the session some opposition was advanced against the Voice of the People, the official organ, the opposition being lead by Dr. E. T. Belsaw of Mobile, who argued that a Great Order like the Masons did not need an official organ. Reply was made by Dr. J. A. Bray, editor Dr. W. J. Turner Business Manager, Mr. Hudson of Birmingham and Mr. Barbee of Athens, Alabama and several others who see the good and profit of the Voice and along with the majority of the Grand Lodge decided that the Voice should be continued as the official organ.

Brought forward from last year \$2,643.60, collected during past year \$8,828.70, making a total of \$11,472.30. and deducting same, leaving a balance of \$261.75. The

partment showed that \$91,577.83, Tyler.

was received and that \$78,415.43 was disbursed, leaving a balance in gory, Greenville; C. H. Evans, Tuscaloosa issued to the amount of a little more than \$91,000. This was verified also by the report of Sec. officers were installed, and all ready ready A. A. Peters, whose collect for the special train that left Selma ions at the Grand Lodge amount to Friday morning. This was a record nearly \$2,000 which amount is to be breaker and the dispatch of business added to the gross receipts, making the total receipts of the Endowment Master Woods to handle a large amount for the year \$93,191.43. body and keep a cool and level head.

The report of the Grand Treasurer, J. O. Diffay, showd receipts during the year \$123.15 including \$530.65 collected by Grand Secretary McDaniels at the Grand Lodge. The disbursements amounting to \$11,210.33, leaving a cash balance of \$792.60. These reports were verified by the Auditing Committee. When the officers had reported, the cries were for Woods, Byrd, Curtis Phillips, McDaniels, Peters, Hudson and they were re-elected. The following persons having made nomination addresses. Grand Orator W. J. Turner, Birmingham, Grand Chaplin W. H. Mixon, Selma; Dr. E. T. Bel-

saw, Mobile, Dr. Jas. A. Bray, Editor of Voice of the People, Birmingham; Rev. L. R. Day, Rev. G. W. Mitchell, Robert L. Mabry, Prof. C. L. McWilliams, Rev. P. W. White, Thos. W. Tobin, Jr., and others.

The re-elective officers were as follows: Walter Thomas Woods, Mobile, Grand Master. Jas. A. Byrd, Birmingham Deputy Grand Master, J. R. Curtis, Dothan Senior Grand Warden. J. P. Phillips, Pike Road, Junior Grand Warden, J. O. Diffay, Birmingham, Grand Treasurer, C. N. McDaniels Hartselle, Grand Secretary, R. B. Hudson, Selma Treasurer Endowment Department, A. A. Peters, Grand Secretary Endowment Department. The apointive officers were as follows:

Rev. W. H. Mixon, Selma, J. L. Garrett, Grand Lecturer Northern Division, E. G. Humphrey, Grand Lecturer Eastern Division, J. W. Powell, Grand Lecturer, Western Division; Rev. W. J. Turner, Orator, D. T. West, Marshall, Frank Hill, Standard Bearer, Henry Robert, Sword Bearer; J. H. Carter, Senior Deacon; W. J. McWilliams, Junior Deacon; J. D. Kennedy, Senior Steward; J. D. Staples, Pursiviant; C. C. Todd, Deputy Potentate McKoin called

the session to order, after which the imperial high priest and prophet, Noble J. W. Barnes, of Virginia, conducted the opening devotional services. Roll call showed that more than 500 nobles, representing 68 temples were in attendance.

It was hoped to have Mayor John Purroy Mitchel deliver the address of welcome, but looking up the blistering sands of Broadway from the City Hall toward the Mosque, he got into touch with former Collector of Internal Revenue Charles W. Anderson, and the latter put on asbestos clothing and asbestos-covered shoes and came through the hot sands of Harlem's desert to greet the various caravans. His fervent and eloquent welcome caused the nobles to sit up and exclaim "Allah, be praised!"

Noble Jacob H. Wright, of Richmond, Va., delivered the response. The Daughters of Isis the, female auxiliary, were present at the welcoming services.

The Shriners and the Daughters of Isis were the guests of Medina Temple at a big reception at Manhattan Casine Tuesday night.

Reports of the various imperial officers occupied the attention of the imperial council Wednesday. The Mystic Shriners, tired of trudging through the hot sands of the desert, embarked on an excursion steamer Thursday and took in the sights around New York harbor.

The session came to an end this afternoon with the installation of the newly-elected officers.

J. Edw. Smith, Charles R. Smith, Oscar Mason and J. H. Murphy, Jr., are among the Baltimoreans present.

A BLOW AT
The COLORED
Shriners
MASONICS
12313 -

Judge Patterson Issues Interlocutory Decree Restraining Colored Shriners in Atlanta

WILL GO TO HIGHEST COURT

Colored Shriners Preparing to go
United States Supreme Court
If Necessary

Atlanta, Ga., January 22.—According to an interlocutory decree handed down Monday by Judge H. L. Patterson, in the Superior Court of Fulton county, Charles A. Faison and several other members of Rabban Temple of the Mystic Shrine will be temporarily restrained from using the name of Mystic Shrine and the grips, pins, signs, regalia, etc., peculiar thereto.

The injunction proceedings were filed by Potentate Forrest Adair and other members of Yaarab Temple of white Shriners. The white Mystic Shriners first sought to enjoin Rabban Temple last August, but Judge Bell, before whom the case was heard, threw their case out on the ground that no adequate cause for a restraining order had been shown. Yaarab Temple again filed injunction proceedings on December 6, and Judge H. L. Patterson, of the Blue Ridge Circuit, heard the case as all of the judges in Fulton county had disqualified themselves on the ground they were either Mystic Shriners or related to those who are.

The attorneys for the defense, George Gordon, who represented Rabban Temple, and Warner T. McGuinn of Baltimore, who was retained by the Imperial Council of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, demurred to the proceedings on the ground that as Yaarab Temple was unincorporated, voluntary, fraternal body that it could not enter suit. Other objections were also made.

Judge Patterson sustained the first part of the demurrer, but gave the complaining body the privilege of amending its petition so as to sue as individual members. The defendant was not given the privilege of amending its demurrer, however.

The decision rendered Monday, purports to restrain Charles A. Faison, potentate, and other members of Rabban Temple from using the name of The Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine and from using titles and name of officers of the petitioners and from using the words Nobles, "Shriners" and "Shrine, and from using the

crescent, scimitar and others specified as emblems and insignia of Yaarab Temple." In other words, the order by a stretch of judicial imagination, purports to allow the Yaarab Temple, an unincorporated body, through certain individual members, its contention against Rabban Temple, which was chartered by the Imperial Council of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, an incorporated body, was organized in Washington. As the amended petition of the plaintiffs only specified certain individuals connected with Rabban Temple, it is regarded by some as only binding upon those specifically named.

An appeal has been noted in the State Supreme Court by Rabban Temple and its parent organization.

A bill of supersedesas has been filed and bond given, thus allowing the highest court in Georgia decide whether or not to make the injunction permanent.

It is believed that the Supreme Court of Georgia, if it decides the case on the law points involved, will decree that Rabban Temple has a right to continue as heretofore.

Previous court decisions have been that colored Masonic bodies legally exist.

The daily press reports of the decision gave many the false impression that colored Shriners had been put out of business in Georgia which is not a fact. The National Compact, a body of so-called Negro Masons, it is claimed, aided the whites in trying to strike down the colored Shriners, who exist regularly and lawfully.

PYTHIAN KNIGHT'S EFFICIENT WORK

Steps in S. W. Green's Career to Official Position.

MAGNIFICENT HALL ERECTED

The Advocate
Costly Structure in New Orleans Is
the Result of Mr. Green's Untiring
Efforts and Able Financiering—Ex-

cellent Condition of the Louisiana Grand Lodge.

New Orleans.—The Pythian temple, the largest building in this section of the country owned by the race, is the brain work of one of the most unique characters among us, S. W. Green, supreme chancellor of the Knights of Pythias. The supreme session of the order will be held in Columbus, O., next August.

S. W. Green became a member of the order of Knights of Pythias July 17, 1883, when the order was in its infancy, being a charter member of Pride of Tensas lodge No. 21, St. Joseph, La. He was elected to the station of V. C. of the lodge, but served as C. C. from the time the lodge was

organized until June 30, 1886; was the grand representative from his lodge, and immediately upon entering the grand lodge his ability to handle finances commenced to show itself, and in May, 1884, he was elected to the position of G. M. F. and served for one year.

In April, 1886, Mr. Green was elected to the position of G. K. of R. and S., and

served in that station until 1891, at

which time he was renominated for

the position, but declined renomination.

He was elected to the position of G. C., and upon assuming that station, he

found the finances of the grand lodge

in an insolvent condition. The gen-

eral fund had no assets, while its lia-

bilities amounted to \$105.62. The endow-

ment fund showed the amount of

assets to be \$196.40, while its liabilities

showed death claims due and unpaid,

aggregating \$3,424.25. The mem-

bership at that time was only 879.

Year by year he has schemed and persevered toward placing Louisiana upon a solid foundation, financially, and his people, ever ready to aid him in carrying out the plans that he had under way, re-elected him to the position of G. C. by acclamation, and since the date of his first election he has been unanimously re-elected to that position every year. He found that it was necessary to increase the endowment dues if the grand lodge of the state of Louisiana was to be resurrected, and accordingly he recommended that instead of the members paying 25 cents per month endowment tax, that it be increased to 50 cents per month for six months of the year and 25 cents for the other six months.

That recommendation was adopted and became a part of the laws of the grand lodge, with the result that a sufficient sum was soon accumulated to pay off all outstanding claims for endowment, and when the grand lodge met in April, 1902, it was entirely out of debt, with a small surplus on hand to the credit of the endowment de-

partment. The grand lodge was then paying an endowment of \$300 ninety days after a claim was filed. In April, 1905, the grand chancellor recommended that the endowment policies be raised to \$500, payable on the graded system, and that the assessment be 50 cents per month, the claims to be paid within thirty days after they were filed.

In 1906 the surplus in the endowment fund had reached such a large sum and was growing all the time that the question arose, "What shall we do with this money?" It was then necessary for S. W. Green to study out a way of investing it. Accordingly, in 1906, at the grand lodge session in Alexandria, La., he recommended that the grand lodge of the state of Louisiana erect a Pythian temple, and an appropriation of \$12,000 was made by the grand lodge for the purchase of a site for the same. This appropriation was found to be insufficient to purchase a site in the desired locality, and an additional \$3,000 was therefore appropriated, which resulted in the purchase of a desirable site in this city to be used at a later date for a Pythian temple.

The original appropriation for the temple was only \$60,000; but, realizing that a \$60,000 building in a city like New Orleans would not serve the purpose for which it was intended, Mr. Green allied his forces and carried them to the grand lodge, which convened in this city in 1908, and by such alliance the grand lodge approved his action in reference to building a magnificent structure, which is now completed and cost in the neighborhood of \$200,000. Thus we see that from the crippled condition of affairs when assuming control of the office we find that the grand lodge of the state of Louisiana has 181 lodges in the state with a membership of 9,000 and with the total resources of \$123,354.07 as an endowment fund.

Mr. Green attended the supreme lodge session in August, 1893, as supreme representative for the state of Louisiana and has attended every supreme lodge session as a representative since. At the supreme lodge session held in Pittsburgh in 1905 he was elected to the position of supreme vice chancellor and ex officio supreme worthy counselor. At the supreme lodge session in Louisville, Ky., in 1907 he was re-elected to the position, which he held until April 3, 1908, when he assumed the duties of supreme chancellor, caused by the death of the late S. W. Starks.



S. W. GREEN.

Philadelphia Record

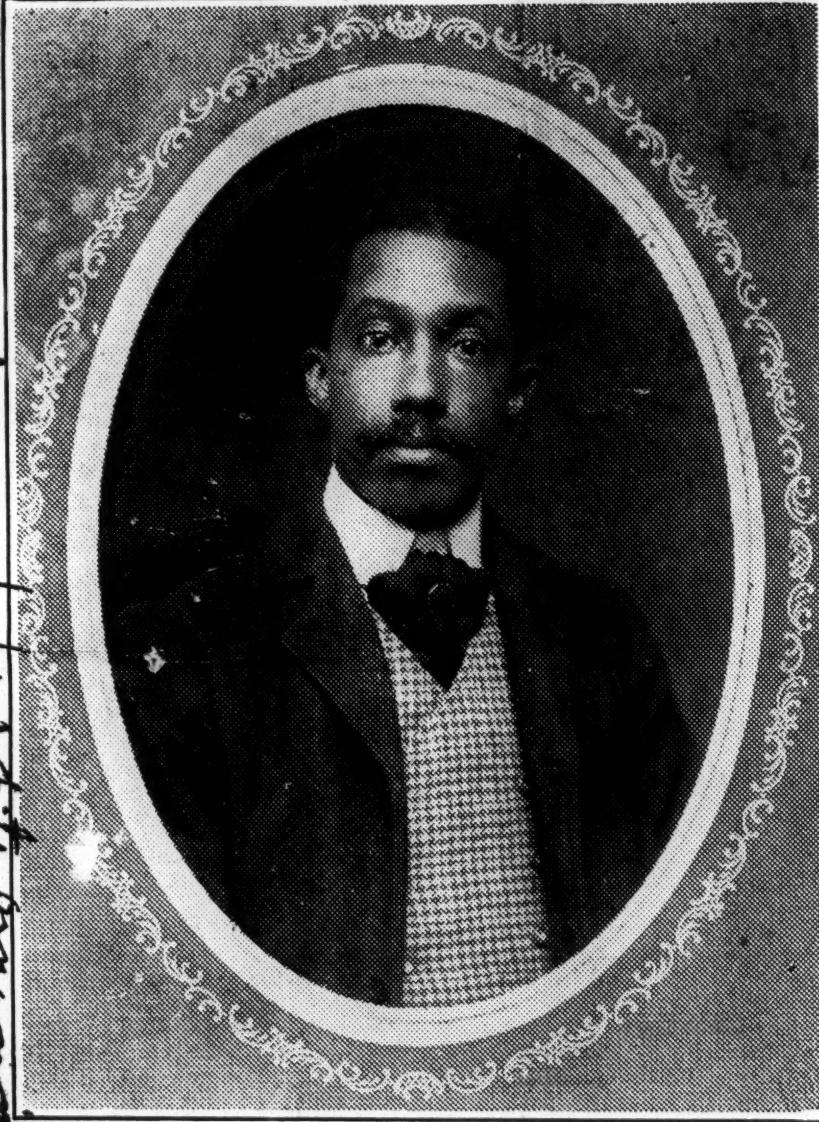
20 May 1916

COLORED MASONS CELEBRATE

Centennial of Founding of Order to Be Observed in September.

The one hundredth anniversary of the founding in this State of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the World will be celebrated on September 23 and 24, in Musical Fund Hall, Locust street, below Ninth. Every State in the Union is expected to be represented, and about 25,000 members of the order and its feminine auxiliaries, the Heroines of Jericho and the Order of the Eastern Star, will attend from various parts of this State. The street procession, which will take place on the second day at noon, will probably be the greatest colored parade the city has ever witnessed, as the full strength of the convention will be in line.

Among the representatives from eight States who have been in session as a committee of arrangements at the local headquarters, No. 409 South Eleventh street, are the following: Chairman, Peter A. Robinson, of Philadelphia; Most Worshipful Grand Master, John P. Scott, of Pittsburgh; William A. Tribbett, of New Haven; William H. Ricks, of Washington, D. C.; L. B. Smith, of Camden; Sister Mattie B. Smith, Most Venerable Grand Matron of the Heroines of Jericho, and Sister Prudence Penn, Most Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star. A competitive drill for a first prize of \$300, a second prize of \$100 and third of \$50 will be held after the parade among the uniformed commanders.



DR. N. T. PANELL,

President of the International Liberty Union.

A GREAT ORGANIZATION.

The International Liberty Union of the World—Some of the Reasons Why You Should Join.

Washington has recently been honored with one of the best fraternal organizations backed by the North of the best representative people of American Insurance Company. Rosetta Camp, No. 1082, of the International Liberty Union, has been organized to vice president; Mrs. A. L. Murray now connected with Rosetta Camp, No. 1082, of the District of Columbia and assistant deputy; M. H. Hill, first officer here and about 400 members. Brown, chaplain; Geo. J. Dawson, his register and treasurer, is the supreme general; Lloyd Wilkins, quarter-master, and Mrs. R. L. Pannell, the District deputy register and treasurer, is the supreme general; Norman H. Hedge, comissary worker here among the colored people. The doors of this camp are open to all classes. She carries through all persons of good moral character the work of her office, and instructs above the age of eighteen years. For many officers and I. L. U. members further information and full participation in the working of this fraternal organization write Deputy R. L. Pannell, 1030 Lamont street northwest, Washington, D. C.

This organization has 14 colored officers here and about 400 members. Mrs. R. L. Pannell, the District deputy register and treasurer, is the supreme general; Lloyd Wilkins, quarter-master, and Mrs. Pannell has always been a great man. The doors of this camp are open to all classes. She carries through all persons of good moral character the work of her office, and instructs above the age of eighteen years. For many officers and I. L. U. members further information and full participation in the working of this fraternal organization write Deputy R. L. Pannell, 1030 Lamont street northwest, Washington, D. C. camp doors are always open to its members and visitors.

FIFTY REASONS

Why I Should Join the I-L-U—Read members when in strange places. Them—Study Them—Count Them. 36. I can take ACTIVE PART in all celebrations.

Fraternity and Protection.

Because—

1. It is my foremost duty to myself and loved ones.

2. It will teach me the true spirit of Fraternity and Brotherhood.

3. It will help me to always DO BETTER—to strive for advancement.

4. It will make me a leader in my community.

5. It will raise me UP HIGHER in the estimation of my neighbors.

6. It will make me BETTER OFF—morally, physically, and financially.

7. It deserves my RESPECT and SUPPORT.

8. I believe that "From Union Comes Strength."

9. It gives EQUAL RIGHTS to all members.

10. It will accept me whether I am rich or poor.

11. It makes no difference what my religion or nationality are.

12. It will help me in BUSINESS and in SOCIAL matters.

13. It will stick to me in ADVERSITY and PROSPERITY.

14. It will teach me to live so I may become a BETTER CITIZEN.

15. I believe that Fraternity is a vital field of human need.

Strength and Stability. Because—

16. It is a great and strong Fraternal Order.

17. It has served its members faithfully for over 13 years.

18. It has many thousands of members co-operating together.

19. It is growing STRONGER and LARGER daily.

20. It is endorsed by leading banks, state, and city officials.

21. It is endorsed by its many thousands of satisfied members.

22. It is PROGRESSIVE in every respect.

23. It is a noble Order, run on a strictly sound business basis.

24. Its officers are men of high standing and integrity.

25. Its aims are HIGH and its teachings morally perfect.

26. It is not a political organization.

27. It stands for JUSTICE and FAIRNESS in all forms.

28. It is a Fraternal Society founded on most modern plans.

29. It is organized and conducted strictly in accordance with its Constitution, By-Laws, Rules, and Regulations.

30. It is a mutual Society, "One for All and All for One."

Social and Educational Advancement

Because—

31. It has grand, sublime, and instructive ritualistic degrees.

32. There is nothing in the secret work that is offensive to any man's religion.

33. I will meet brother members EVERYWHERE when traveling.

34. I will receive the grips, pass words and signs of the Order.

35. I will be entertained by brother

(Endowment Department.)

Financial Status of the Order.

The Report of R. B. Hudson, Treasurer of the Endowment Department showed an income of \$91,577.23 and that \$78,415.45 was disbursed, leaving a balance of \$13,161.78. An additional sum of \$1,614.20 collected during this session making a balance of cash in Endowment Treasury of \$14,775.98.

The receipts of the department amounted to \$2,238 in excess of last year according to statement of Treasurer Hudson.

Grand Lodge Department.

The Report of J. O. Diffay, Grand Treasurer, showed receipts during the year \$12,003.15, including \$530.85 collected during present session. Disbursed during the year \$11,210.55, leaving cash balance of \$792.60.

These reports were verified by the Auditing Committee.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to elect by acclamation Walter Thomas Woods of Mobile, Grand Master. The election of other officers followed:

James A. Byrd, D. G. M., Birmingham; Joseph P. Phillips, Junior Grand Warden, Pike Road; J. R. Curtis, Senior Grand Warden, Dothan; J. O. Diffay, Grand Treasurer, Birmingham; C. N. McDaniels, Grand Secretary, Hartselle; R. B. Hudson, Endowment Treasurer, Selma; J. A. Peters, Endowment Secretary, Girard.

Grand Lecturers—E. G. Humphrey G. L., Eastern Division; J. W. Powell G. L., Western Division; John L. Garrett, G. L., Northern Division.

Auditing Committee—J. T. Gregory Chairman, 1916, Greenville; C. H. Evans, 1917, Tuskegee Institute; W. R. Lee, Secretary, 1918, Montgomery.

Following the election of each officer were congratulations and handshaking.

The following in attendance Grand Lodges: H. A. Loveless, W. J. Lawrence, W. H. Ward, S. C. Sheppard, C. C. Evans, W. H. Taylor, H. S. Chadwick, Frank G. Hill, L. A. Young, M. N. White and C. C. Todd.

The following ladies of Montgomery attended the Grand Chapter O. E. S. last week in Selma: Mrs. M. J. Moore, W. J. Reynolds, M. L. Streety, W. J. Lawrence, Lady Baker, W. S. Ballard, Alice Hawkins, Novella Thomas, Emma Armstead, M. J. Gorham, Helene Golden, Gussie May, Mrs. S. Bibb, Mary Williams, Janie Thurman.

Mrs. M. J. Moore was re-elected R. G. T. without opposition.



HON. W. G. CRITCHLOW
Supreme Commander General
The International Liberty Union of the World
Covington, Ky., U. S. A.

GRAND LODGE MASON'S JURIS

DICTION OF ALABAMA.

900 Lodges Represented; 900 Delegates in Attendance.

The 38th Annual Session of Alabama

Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. closed on Aug. 20, 1915, at Selma. Indeed this

was an interesting session. The Re-

ports broke all previous records.

The next session will be held in this city third Tuesday in August, 1916.

W. R. LEE Reporter.



MADAM R. L. PANELL,
District Deputy of the International
Liberty Union.



HEADQUARTERS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL.
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ALABAMA MASON'S MAKE FINAL REPORTS.

\$12,912.26 Collected by Both State Lodges—Eastern Star Makes Remarkable Report.

Special to The Freeman:

SELMA, Ala., Aug. 23, 1915.—The thirty-eighth communication of the Alabama Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. Savings Bank; James A. Bray, Birmingham, editor of the "Voice of the People," the official organ of the Grand Lodge; Professor H. C. Benford, principal of the Huntsville high school for Negroes; H. A. Loveless, Montgomery; Lee, and then were read the annual reports of Grand Secretary C. N. McDaniel, Hartselle; James T. Gregory, A. A. Peters, Secretary of the Endowment Department, and Grand Burwell, Selma; Dr. P. W. White, Endowment Treasurer R. B. Hudson, and the Auditing Committee, composed of Prof. R. B. Hudson, Selma; Dr. L. L. Lee, of Montgomery, and W. R. Lee, of Montgomery. The reports were gratifying, and change—Mrs. Dr. Burwell, of Selma.

The latest official report of the financial conditions of the two bodies of Masons and their wives and widows was placed in the hands of the official reporter, Rev. A. F. Owens, today

which reveals the following:

THE GRAND LODGE.	
Received by the Endowment Treasurer	\$ 93,585.22
Disbursed by the Endowment Treasurer	78,415.45

Balance on hand at close of Grand Lodge \$15,169.75

The actual receipts were \$2,000 in excess of 1914. \$2,008 was collected at the Selma meeting just closed by Sec- retary A. A. Peters.

Received by the Grand Treasurer J. O. Diffey during the year ending at Phillips, \$12,472.30, includ- ing \$1,000 collected at the Selma meet- ing by Grand Secretary C. N. McDaniel. Disbursed \$11,210.55.

Total amount collected by both de- partments \$106,057.53. This is consid- ered the best financial showing of any previous year.

GRAND CHAPTER EASTERN STAR.

The Endowment Treasurer Mrs. A. E. Douglass, made the following report: Received during the year \$14,235.46 Amount brought forward 3,983.77

Total received \$18,219.23 Disbursed during the year 15,751.30

In bank on interest \$2,467.92 1,000.00

To balance \$3,467.93 Received by Grand Secretary Mrs. L. R. Burwell during the year \$1,559.75 Brought forward 75.75

\$1,635.50 Grand total received by Eastern Star, \$20,854.73. Total received by both grand lodges, \$156,912.26. Among donations made by grand lodge was \$50.00 for Selma University where the meetings were held. All the elective and appointive officers were retained for the ensuing year.

Resolutions were adopted by the Grand Lodge thanking Dr. Stakely of Montgomery for opposing the Bonner bill prohibiting white teachers from Negro schools and endorsed the editorials in the Montgomery Advertiser and other papers on the same subject. The Southern Railroad was thanked for deciding to place colored porters on its lines. Also thanking the Louisville & Nashville Railroad for special coaches for delegates to the Grand Lodge.

A strong report on Education was read by H. C. Benford of Huntsville endorsing the movement to reduce illiteracy in Alabama, calling upon each member of the Grand Lodge to teach at least one colored person to read and write. The report was adopted without opposition. The grand master, in his annual address, recommended the same. Grand Master Woods recommended also that any colored Masons convicted of "boot-legging" should be suspended from the order.

After the officers were installed by Past Grand Master James T. Gregory of Greenville the Grand Lodge adjourned to hold its 39th annual meeting in 1916 in Montgomery.

Among the leading Negroes attending the Grand Lodge, were: Dr. E. T. Balsaw, Mobile; J. O. Diffey, Birmingham, President of the Alabama Penny

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grand secretary, in place of former Secretary Hassen.

Grand Matron J. M. Balasco of Mobile stated that 500 women attended the meeting of the Grand Chapter. She reported also that her order had the best meeting in its history. They will meet next year with the Grand Lodge in Montgomery. The Grand Chapter made donations to Payne University and to several poor widows. The following are the elective officers: Walter T. Woods, G. M., Mobile; James A. Byrd, D. G. M., Birmingham; J. T. H. Curtis, G. S. W., Dothan; Joseph McDaniels, G. S. Hartselle; J. O. Diffey, G. T., Birmingham; R. B. Hudson, G. E. T., Selma; A. A. Peters, G. E. S., Girard.

OFFICERS ELECTED BY NEGRO MASON'S

Second Day's Session of Grand Lodge Proves an

Exciting One

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Special to The Advertiser.

SELMA, ALA., Aug. 19.—The second day of the session of the Grand Lodge of Negro Masons was characterized in the Grand Lodge by much anxiety, many surprises, and musical oratory. Added to this were probably some disappointments. It may be true that there were some "broken slates." This is true however; no one "lost his head." Least of all did the level-headed Grand Master show perturbation or partiality. He controlled himself and for that reason he found it easy to control others. He had no "pets," recognized no cliques, counseled no tricks, if there were any. He was respected and implicitly obeyed when the gavel fell.

When he delivered his annual address, it was expected that the Grand Master would show some partiality to those in his cabinet. He did not. He struck straight from the shoulder, and demanded uncompromisingly that those who handle the people's money must be straight, or look through iron bars.

When Grand Chaplain Mixon opened his devotional services, he seemed to sniff the strenuous conflict, for he told the thousand Masons of strong lungs to make the welkin ring with, "Am I a soldier of the cross," and the welkin did ring as the Masons sang. Then the chaplain, always eloquent in prayer or preaching, prayed that the dove of peace might hover over the Grand Lodge during the day.

The Grand Master called for the minutes of the first day, which were read by Assistant Secretary W. R. Janie M. Balsaw of Mobile, and Royal Patron Rev. J. H. Rose in charge, Jeremiah Barnes, of Tuscaloosa, the oldest Negro Mason in the state; C. N. McDaniel, Hartselle; James T. Gregory, A. A. Peters, Secretary of the Endowment Department, and Grand Burwell, Selma; Dr. P. W. White, Endowment Treasurer R. B. Hudson,

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The 23rd Bi-ennial session of the R. W. N. G. E. of the U. O. of Tents convened in this city October 27, 28 and 29 in the United Order of Tents building, North Church street. The R. W. N. G. Senior Matron, Mrs. Sarah J. Harrison, of Philadelphia, Pa., presided. The Encampment was superintended by Mrs. H. A. Burnsley and Mrs. Lydia Thomas of the Northern District, Mrs. G. A. Queene of the Eastern District and Mrs. S. L. Bonney and Mrs. M. C. Steward of the Southern District. The reports were read from these districts and were loudly applauded, as each district showed that it had done its best. The various committees were appointed, the program for the week announced, the hour of opening and closing fixed, then the Encampment suspended business to listen to the address of welcome delivered by Mrs. C. C. Smith of Beulah Tent number 60, Norfolk, Va. This splendid address thrilled the entire delegation with delight and applause after

applause was given her; a rising vote of thanks was unanimously given.

The Encampment then resumed its business. The Southern District was readily acknowledged to be the banner district. The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: R. W. N. G. S. M. Mrs.

Cordelia A. Gilpin, Richmond, Va., R. W. N. G. D. M. Mrs. Annie J. Valentine, Chester, Pa., R. W. N. G. J. M. Mrs. Annie Williams, Brooklyn, N. Y., R. W. N. G. M. of C. Mrs. Charity Jones, New York City, R. W. N. G. Treasurer Mrs. Olivia Q. Benson, Newark, N. J., R. W. N. G. Secretary, Adaline M. Ward, Norfolk, Va., R. W. N. G. Con. Mrs. Cornelia A. Brooks, Norfolk, Va., R. W. N. G. M. of W. Mrs. Ida Brooks, Bryn Mawr, Pa., R. W. N. G. Tyleress, Mrs. Mary Mitchell, Philadelphia, Pa., R. W. N. G. Oratress, Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, Richmond, Va.

The next session of the Encampment will be held in West Chester, Pa., 1917. An invitation was received from New Haven, Conn., but West Chester, Pa., was selected.

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Encampment

Secret Societies - 1915

NEW \$150,000 COLORED PYTHIAN TEMPLE

WILL BE DEDICATED ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON



Dedicatory exercises will be held at street and Broadway at 7 o'clock to-morrow night and will march north on Center to Walnut, to Eighteenth, Tenth and Chestnut streets, at 3 to Chestnut, and on Chestnut to the temple.

Including the grounds and the principal address will be delivered by Roscoe Cinkling Simmons, who arrived in this city to-day. Gen. R. R. Jack is constructed of re-enforced concrete brick and stone. It is absolutely fire proof and fitted throughout with all modern conveniences. It is eight stories high, has five business stores a parade, which will form at Center three of which already have been

rented; a theater, with foyer and balcony entrance and exits, already leased kitchen, dining room, pool room safety vault, a barber shop, with private baths; twelve office rooms, all of which have been taken; forty-six dormitory rooms, committee rooms and

the temple represents a large assembly hall, 40 by 97 feet in dimensions, and last, but not least, a roof garden. The building is owned by the stockholders of the Pythian Mutual Industrial Association and will be managed by a board of eleven directors composed of the following:

President, H. F. Jones; vice president, J. H. Garvin; secretary, F. C. Dillon;

Treasurer, J. A. C. Lattimore; attorney, W. H. Wright; J. L. V. Washington, the Rev. J. M. Mundy, S. H. George, B. E. Smith, French Thompson and W. W. Wilson.

formers Hall on North 2nd street a center of attraction.

When the legislative work had been completed on Thursday the convention proceeded to elect its Grand Officers for a term of one year. Rev. S. S. Morris, B. D., pastor of Bethel A. M. E. Church, this city, who had been acting Grand Worthy Master for nine months, was elected president of the Order by acclamation, prolonged cheering of applause and followed this vote by the waving of handkerchiefs and hats.

Mr. A. D. D. Purnell, chief of Philadelphia Division was then re-elected, Grand Worthy Vice Master.

Mr. Maurice Rouselle was re-

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The delegates were above the average in point of intelligence and seemed to have made a careful study of the condition of the Order and its needs and therefore, came to Richmond fully prepared to legislate for the best interests of the organization. During the three days, six legislative sessions were held.

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The convention consisted of 199 Chiefs, State Deputies and other ex-officio members raised the membership of the convention to 241.

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TRUE REFORMERS ARE PROGRESSIVE

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The Massachusetts and other delegates who attended the 18th Biennial session are at home now telling what they saw, learned and heard.

The K of P. is the greatest order in the world, is what is heard daily here and there. That gathering in Columbus, O., captivated the citizens both Black and white, until they were lost the entire week in wonderment at the vast throng representing thousands of others who were at home.

Our order did not only prove to Columbus what we stood for, but to the world that it is one of the greatest orders among our race. We have our great military department, from which we can select from 25 to 40,000 as well trained men as they have in the United States army.

There were more than 5000 in camp and from 15 to 20,000 visitors daily came to see the great dress parade with the assistance of every officer. The white people of Columbus are still unrecovered from the shock given them by the army of Pythians

that took the city that week—20,000 or more colored visitors in Columbus without a single arrest for the simplest offence, which our white neighbors were not prepared to understand.

The parade was not only the largest Columbus has ever seen, but in every respect the most orderly and the most brilliant pageant that ever visited its city. And perhaps there can be no fitter demonstration of the fifty years of progress of the Negro race than these military pageants of the Knights of Pythias. The splendid military discipline and the splendid equipment are more than that—they are the flowering of all of those processes of industrialism and commercialism, in fact all of the civilizing processes that make for a people. So it is to be hoped that the Knights of Pythias pageants and other demonstrations of fitness as a race will make their appeal where it will do the most good. And that is what we are doing in Massachusetts. We are striving hard to have Massachusetts strongly represented, and a large membership as well as in all the other states.

Brig. Gen. John B. Scott of Dorchester, Mass., and head of the entire departments of this section, and his able staff of officers will do all in their power to put Massachusetts back in its place where it was some time ago. It held first place once with the other states, and we are trying to put it back in first place again.

From time to time you will read in these columns of this paper about the wonderful success and progress we are making in Massachusetts.

Monitor Court of Calanthe No. 434 of Cambridge, Mass., sent as a delegate its first past worthy Counselor Sister M. Augustine, who was received with the greatest oration known to the Court of Calanthe for fifteen or twenty years from Massachusetts. It made them feel that Massachusetts

has waked up under the leadership of its Supreme Deputy, Brig. Gen. Lattie of North Carolina, Brother John B. Scott. And his assistants, past worthy Counselor Sister M. Augustine, with the assistance of other past worthy Counselors and officers of the courts and lodges, will put Massachusetts back in first place, which it held some years ago. All the Supreme officers were elected. The uniform rank of Massachusetts was represented by four leading officers, Brig. Gen. John B. Scott of Dorchester, Mass., Captain James T. Thomas of Boston, Mass., 2nd Lieut. J. Mayor of Boston, and myself, Lieut. Col.

Everywhere here and there we could hear most everybody say: "Look, there is Massachusetts." You know this must be a great order when they have members way down east. It shows that we are bringing Massachusetts to the front again: came to see the great dress parade with the assistance of every officer. The white people of Columbus are still unrecovered from the shock given them by the army of Pythians

that took the city that week—20,000 in first place again. The Supreme Lodge held their session in the Chamber of Commerce Building and the great volume of business was being dispatched by some of the brainiest men of the order in the world. They were on time to time every item concerning the order was very carefully gone over and compiled, discussed and passed to the committees. The officers, delegates and those who composed that grand body looked their very best, and business-like methods were the slogan.

Many noted ones were to be seen mixing here and there. Day and night the camp Gen. Hayward on Acton street and Hays avenue, where things were being carried on in military exactness and Pythians of the world were preparing themselves for the contests of evolution in military tactics under their famous instructor.

The daily program of the camp consists of guard mount dress parade, drill, officers, school, hospital corps training and instruction in every department, such as setting up and taking down tents, musical drills and band concerts. Our membership stands today at 337,000 men and women in the order—250,000 male members and 87,000 sister members of the Court of Calanthe.

Officers Elected.

The officers re-elected are S. W. Green of New Orleans, Supreme Chancellor; Jos. L. James of Cincinnati, Supreme Vice-Chancellor; the Rev. A. H. Newton of New Jersey, Supreme Relater; Dr. E. E. Underwood, Supreme Keeper of Records and Seals; John H. Young of Arkansas, Supreme Master of Exchequer; George C. Watty of Maryland, Supreme Master at Arms; L. M. Mitchell of Texas, Supreme Lecturer; S. A. T. Watkins of Chicago, Supreme Attorney; Dr. J. H. Ward of

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Houston, Tex., March 10, 1915.
The Board of Managers of the Grand Lodge United Brothers of Friendship of Texas, met in the U. B. F. building with the following officers: President, W. E. Bleasby; Marshall, Secretary, F. W. Gross, Houston; Treasurer, Joseph Nichols, Houston.

The Secretary, F. W. Gross, made the following report of receipts for the three months ending February 28th:

Widows and Orphans \$19,182.00

Burial Fund 15,386.50

Rent of office building 2,364.50

Grand Lodge Taxes 1,257.30

Special Reserve 508.50

Interest on Deposits and Investments 377.10
Sale of Supplies 82.83
Reserve 45.00
Home and Business Fund 38.75
Change of Policies 27.77
Paving Certificates 20.95
Refunds 16.61
National Grand Lodge Taxes.. 1.26

Total Receipts, 3 Months... \$39,309.65

A number of cases involving large sums of money were looked into and the majority ordered paid. The Board set aside \$20,000.00 to pay mortuary claims for the quarter.

F. W. GROSS, Secretary

Georgia Court Decides Adversely To Negro Shriners.

Special to the Globe.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 21.—Judge H. L. Patterson today made permanent the injunction against the Negro Shriners of Georgia. It is understood that the case will be appealed to the United States Supreme Court.

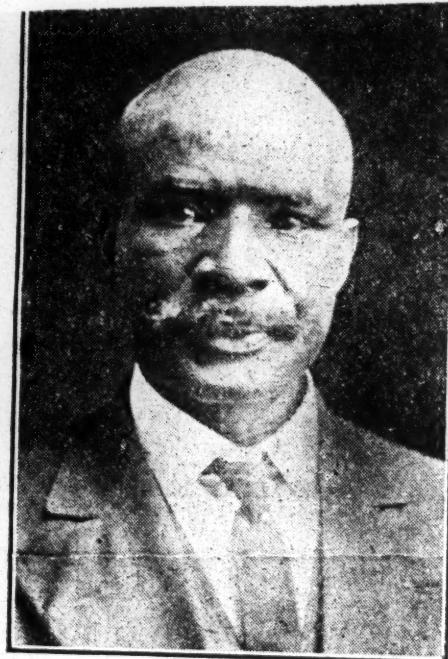
The petition was brought in the Atlanta courts some time ago by Pontate Forrest Adair, representing the Order, against Charles Faison et al., Faison being the potentate of the local Negro lodge. Judge H. L. Patterson of the Blue Ridge circuit was named to hear the suit for injunction,

as every Atlanta judge was either a Shriner or a near relative of one. Judge Patterson granted a temporary injunction against the Negro Order, and this week made it permanent.

The injunction applies only to the State of Georgia, but it is expected to be followed by similar suits in those states where the Negro Order, said to be founded in Washington, makes its appearance.



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PREVAILED DURING

Americus Meeting

Departments of Order in Excellent Condition—Attendance not as Large as Previous years—Grand Master's Address Elicited Much Applause

The report of the grand secretary was possibly the best communication ever held by the Most Worshipable financial conditions in the state. He also presented a statistical statement last week at Americus, Ga. The report denoting progress. The grand Grand Lodge assembled in its forty-treasurer's report agreed with that of fifth annual communication on Tuesday the former, and in addition showing the day morning, June 22, in the auditor-expenses.

What is possibly the most interesting report at 9 o'clock Grand Master Butler called was that of the Masonic Relief Association, and the impressive citation rendered by its secretary and opening service was conducted with treasurer, W. C. Thomas. This is the Grand Chaplain, Rev. L. A. Townley, most efficient and best conducted re-leading in devotions.

The committee on credentials had of order of either race. The cash balance ready in a short time and same is large with all claims up to submitted same, which was approved. the closing of the fiscal year paid. The minutes of the last grand communication were read for the information of the representatives and balances are so managed as to earn special committees appointed. The for the department a sum more than

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Grand Master permitted a number of the representatives to speak of their sufficient to pay off all of its running work during the year. Each one of them gave glowing accounts of the same despite the financial depression.

After dinner hour, the Grand Master read his address. It was the best ever presented by him. Every single phase of Masonic activity during the year was touched upon in an interesting manner which prove that the grand master is a close student and is painstaking in the management of the affairs of the the grand lodge. His report elicited the plaudits of the representatives, several of whom gave expressions of hearty approval.

The collections for the Orphan Home department were reported by Prof W. H. Spencer. This department has improved considerably and for the first time since its inauguration has shown a cash balance. This again proves that the affairs of the grand lodge are being practically and economically administered.

After all of the reports of the officers were rendered, the officers were elected.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were re-elected without any opposition. Following are the officers:

Most Worshipful H. R. Butler, M. D., grand master.

Right Worshipful J. H. Walker, deputy grand master.

Right Worshipful J. W. Dobbs, senior grand warden.

Right Worshipful W. D. Savage, junior grand warden.

Right Worshipful G. L. Bowen, grand treasurer.

Right Worshipful Sol. C. Johnson, grand secretary.

Right Worshipful W. C. Thomas, sec-treas. M. R. A.

Right Worshipful W. H. Spencer, sec. O. H. D.

Worshipful L. A. Townsley, D. D., grand chaplain.

Worshipful J. A. Grant, grand lect. Davis, S. A. Jones.

urer. Auditing—L. E. Williams, J. W. Stephens, Wm. Howard.

Worshipful A. R. Stalling, senior grand deacon. Finance and Returns—W. H. Spencer H. H. Williams, G. H. Hutto, S. A. Peters, M. D.; G. N. Stoney, M. D.

Worshipful T. B. Newsome, junior grand deacon. Warrants—J. W. Madison, M. D.; E. B. Gibson, W. R. Hudson, G. A. Williams, T. C. Strickland.

Worshipful J. R. Thornton, senior grand stewart. Worshipful M. M. Rogers, junior grand stewart. Worshipful R. W. Collins, grand marshal.

Worshipful Daniel Harris, grand sword bearer. Worshipful Wm. Marshall, grand pursuivant.

Worshipful Wm. Hardy, grand tyler. While the attendance at the grand lodge was not as large as heretofore, yet the enthusiasm was there. During the communication there were but two cases of grievances submitted from the entire jurisdiction, and both of them were of minor note.

Many of the leading men of the state were present and all joined in giving the Masons the praise for the practical and harmonious manner used in conducting business.

Editor B. J. Davis of the Independent, and Grand Secretary of District Grand Lodge No. 18, G. U. O of O. F., was present from the opening of the grand lodge until its close. He has this to say in the Independent about the communication:

It was my pleasure to attend the Grand Lodge of Masons at Americus this week. The Grand Lodge was largely attended by representative delegates from all over the state. At the roll call Thursday morning every officer answered to his name. Committee on Credentials was ready to report, and at the sound of the gavel the Craftmen went to work and every hour the Grand Lodge was in session was characterized with business and harmony. Dr. Butler, the Grand Master, presided.

It was the consensus of opinion that the next grand lodge communication would be elsewhere next year. When the time came to make a selection of the place, there were so many invitations extended, the representatives decided to return to Americus.

One of the most pleasing features of the grand lodge communication was the exercises of the children of the orphan home and the addresses of the mayor and city attorney of Americus.

This took place Tuesday afternoon. Miss B. E. Battle, principle of the home had charge of the exercises. The excellent training of the children was depicted in their action and rendition of their parts. Every one present was loud in their praise of them. The address of Mayor Lee G. Council was sincere and convincing. That of City Attorney Nesbitt was pleasing. Mr. Nesbitt delivered an address at the time when the corner stone of the orphan home was laid.

Following are the standing committees of the Grand Lodge:

Jurisprudence—C. A. Clark, L. A. Townsley, D. D.; T. H. Slater, M. D.; L. H. Burdell, J. H. Babcock, C. L. General oversight over the other three

departments, and is familiar with every detail and phase of the work, working in harmony with the heads of the other departments. The department over which the Grand Master presides, might be fittingly called the executive department, because it has the execution of the laws and the administration of Benevolence, Charity, and Friendship among the craftsmen.

Masonic Relief Association

"This department is under the care of Bro. W. C. Thomas, as secretary and treasurer, and shows a cash balance of \$82,000, being the largest amount of cash of any Bureau or any of the other orders in the State. This department is seven years old, and has been under the immediate charge of Bro. Thomas during its existence. The receipts for the year from the lodges \$36,000, interest \$3,000, and some from miscellaneous sources. The balance over the last report advanced from \$75,000 to \$82,000, which is a healthy showing, and Secretary-Treasurer Thomas and the craftsmen are to be congratulated.

We are proud of Bro. Thomas and think the Masons made no mistake when they elected him for life, as we understand he has been elected.

The Widows' and Orphans' Home

"This department is under immediate control of Prof. Wm. H. Spencer, of Columbus, who is secretary of this department, which is controlled by a board of trustees, of which Hon. A. L. Felton, of Montezuma, is treasurer, and Rev. A. S. Staley, of Americus, is secretary. The revenue of this department is more than \$4,000, out of which the home is supported, the school maintained and the farm operated. The board of trustees is successfully conducting a normal school, the Orphan Home and farm. The school composed of little orphans, treated the Grand Lodge Tuesday evening to an excellent concert, in which the children acquitted themselves well. The mayor and city attorney were present and commended both the principal and the children, pledging the institution their unstinted support.

"Grand Master Butler is familiar with every detail of the department. The home and premises are clean, sanitary and up-to-date in every respect. The children look healthy and strong and seem to be enjoying the comfort and benefit of a real home under the management of the principal and preceptress. Our Masonic brothers are doing a noble work. Prof. Spencer collected more than \$4,000 during the year and treasurer Felton has a cash balance of more than \$1,000.

The Grand Lodge Department

"This department is controlled by Col. Sol. C. Johnson, of Savannah, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge. He has charge of the collection of taxes or the expense money for the operation of the Grand Lodge. His report shows that his department handled during the year more than \$7,000, and after meeting the expenses, the treasurer, Bro. G. L. Bowen, reports a balance of \$3,000. Bro. Johnson next to the

is the most popular officer in the Grand Lodge, and in point of service, the senior officer. Everybody who knows Bro. Johnson loves him; he is affable, energetic and chivalrous.

Conditions of the Grand Lodge

There is no Grand Lodge in the state that has a more capable and industrious Grand Secretary.

The Masonic Grand Lodge, while the smallest and most representative and shows a cash balance of \$82,000, being the largest amount of cash of any Bureau or any of the other orders in the State. This department is seven years old, and has been under the immediate charge of Bro. Thomas during its existence. The session was the smoothest we have ever witnessed! not an angry word nor shadow of temper was displayed by any of the craftsmen during the session. Verify, the session of the Masonic Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge is a worthy example for the other Grand Lodges to follow."

SUPREME LODGE EXPENS VIRGINIA GRAND LODGE

John Mitchell, Jr., Losing Fight in Pythian Supreme Lodge Is Found Guilty

CASE PENDING IN COURTS

Supreme Chancellor Green Upheld After Grand Chancellor Mitchell Had Been Given An Opportunity To Present His Side—The Case Is Before United States Court at Washington.

(Staff Correspondence.)

COLUMBUS, OHIO, Aug. 24.—What is called the finest meeting in the history of Negro Pythianism, and what was certainly the finest demonstration this city ever saw, closed here Saturday midnight, after much legislation, and after the supreme lodges, acting upon the recommendation of the committee of the whole, had revoked the charter of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and found John Mitchell, Jr., guilty of rebellion.

While the session was not a stormy one, it was one of great interest, and often the discussions were animated. One of the memorable scenes was enacted when John Mitchell, Jr., received as a friend, after the supreme lodge had recovered its symbols, was invited to state his side of the celebrated controversy. The supreme lodge listened to the mayor. In the Virginia matter, and in many others, Mr. Smith led the administration forces.

does not, however, change the status of the litigation now pending in the District of Columbia courts.

5,000 Pythian Soldiers in Camp.

The encampment proper tented more than 5,000 Pythian soldiers, and it is estimated that 15,000 visitors went out to see them. Gov. Willis, who made a hit on the opening night in his welcome address, delivered before a great multitude, reviewed the soldiers, and said that the day was an inspiration to him. The daily press of the city declared that the parade was the grandest sight that this city of parades ever saw. Led by Gen. R. R. Jackson, his staff, and the famous 8th regiment band of Chicago, the parade was witnessed by 100,000 people. The entire city, including the banks, city hall, state house, and the white hotels and big department stores, were decorated.

The report of S. W. Green, supreme chancellor, was the most detailed paper that ever came before the supreme body:

the report of Dr. E. E. Underwood,

the supreme keeper of records and seal, was entirely satisfactory. Jos. L. Jones, su-

preme chancellor, and by virtue of that Dr. Geo. N. Stoney of Georgia, Dr. C. office supreme worthy counsellor of the M. Wade of Arkansas, B. G. Collier of

Courts of Calanthe, showed in his ad-

Pennsylvania, J. H. Fordham of South

Carolina, John W. Harris of Mississippi

through his office since the last meeting, and Ernest G. Tidrington of Indiana.

and that through a systematic campaign among the prominent men present as

15,000 new members had been added to the rolls. The supreme court uni-

nously asked for his retention, and with Pythian gallantry the supreme lodge

M. M. Rodgers of Texas, J. R. Jefferson, principal of the Sumner high school,

Parkersburg; Chas. A. Cottrill of To-

ledo, John A. Birome of Winston-Salem,

Dr. U. G. Mason of Birmingham, Chas.

Brown of St. Louis, the Rev. Jas. Jones of Arkansas, the Rev. E. B. Topp of

Mississippi, Dr. J. P. Crawford, R. W.

Allen and Dr. W. T. Thompson of Ten-

nnessee, and many others.

Roscoe C. Simmons was given a purse.

The city of St. Louis was unanimously selected as the next place of meeting

and encampment in 1917, after the claims of that town were presented by Chas.

Brown. In adopting a resolution introduced by Ernest G. Tidrington, grand

chancellor of Indiana, the supreme lodge pledged its uniform rank department to

the service of the country in the event that war should ever overtake us.

ATTEMPT IS MADE

TO BURN COLORED MASONIC SCHOOL

Americus, Ga., December 20.—(Special)—Deliberate attempt was made last night to burn the handsome brick dormitory and school of the colored Masonic grand lodge of Georgia, located here.

Several gallons kerosene oil had been poured upon woodwork in the kitchen when the unexpected appearance of the negro cook frightened the incendiary, who escaped through a window without having applied a match to the kindling.

The building has no fire protection, except bucket brigades and would undoubtedly have been destroyed had not the crime been detected in time.

COLORED MEN ORGANIZE LOCAL PYTHIAN LODGE

Body Is Not Connected with Knights of Pythias of the World.

Sacandaga lodge, No. 34, Knights of Pythias, North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia, a colored organization not in any way connected with the Knights of Pythias of the World, was formed last night by a number of colored people in this city.

The new lodge cannot infringe upon the rights of the old organization, neither can it affiliate with the grand or supreme bodies of the lodge of that name. Symbolic emblems worn by members of the old order, its seals and the like cannot be used by the colored organization, although the name, which is not copyrighted, can be taken.

It is believed that Sacandaga lodge is the first to be formed in this city by the colored people and bear the name of any world known organization. There are colored people who are members of other fraternal organizations, but they come from the South where the lodges permit their entrance.

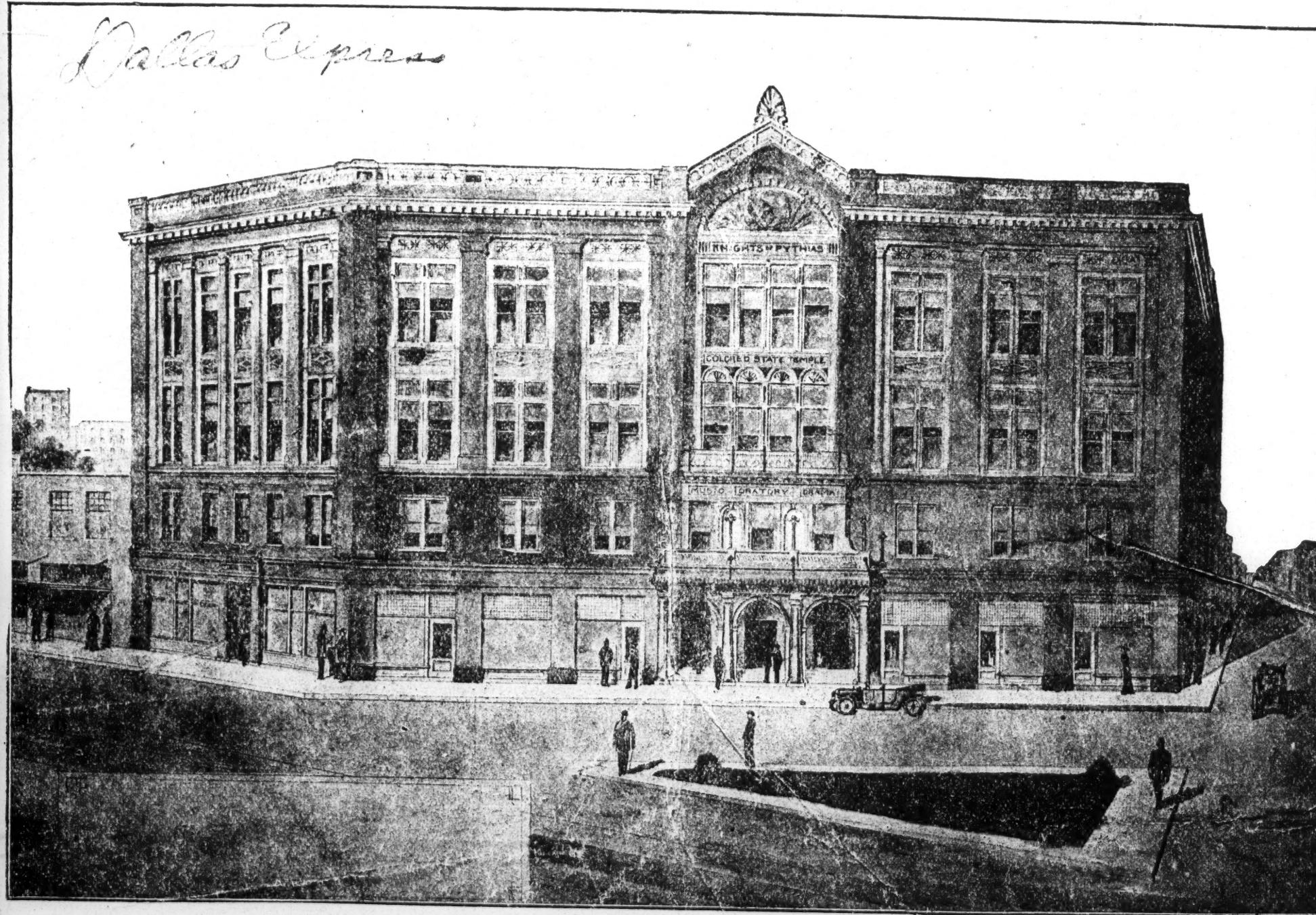
The officers of Sacandaga lodge are: Chancellor commander, George Corles; vice chancellor, William K. Dawson; master of the work, F. J. Wendell; prelate, Richard H. Hamilton; keeper of records and seal, Joseph W. Leonard; master of finance, Surrey Herring, Jr.; master of exchequer, John H. Knifer; master-at-arms, Harry Leggins; inner guard, George Leonard; outer guard, Arthur Williams; representative to grand lodge, Joseph Leonard; alternate, George Corles; trustees, George Leggins, Adelbert Dana, George Simmons.

In addition to the above officers the following charter members were initiated: Roscoe C. Shaw, Ambrose Anderson, Scott Harrington, Homer Moore, Walter Bowman, William Leggins, Elmer J. Bowman, Anderson Nichols and Lorenzo D. Frank.

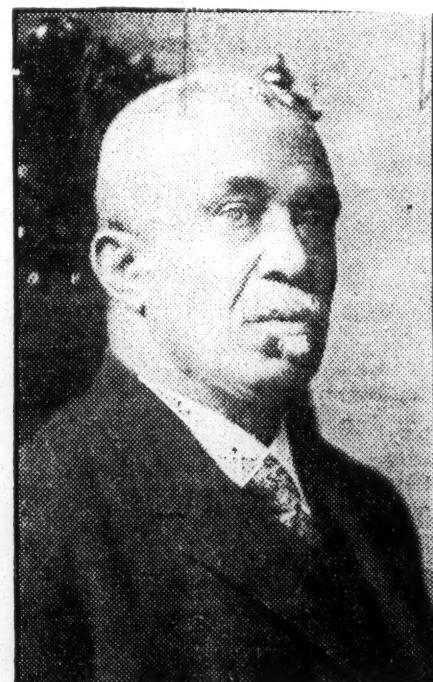
The new Pythian lodge was instituted by Lee Crawford of New Rochelle, grand chancellor of the Grand Lodge of the state of New York, assisted by Dr. C. P. McClendon of New Rochelle, grand medical registrar; H. R. Phoenix, William D. Jones and P. V. Vedder of Fidelity Lodge, 32, of Troy.

Secret Societies - 1915

The State Pythian Temple For Which Ground Was Broken On Monday Evening at 6:00 O'clock, April 19, 1915, at Dallas, Texas



W. ASHIE HAWKINS
Supreme Chancellor



SIR WILLIAM GRANDISON
Supreme Keeper of Records and Seals
**NEGRO MASON'S HOLDING
CONVENTION IN ATLANTA**
Constitution 10-7-15

Negro Masons from all sections of the union are attending the sessions of the National Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons whose 22d triennial grand communication convened in the city last Tuesday. One of the important propositions being considered at the meetings is the erection of a national temple and the founding of a home for infirm Masons and their orphans.

Mayor Woodward and other leading men of the city are scheduled to address the body before its adjournment. During the sessions so far held communications have been ready from the emperor of Germany, the Masonic Grand Lodge of England and from the president of Cuba.

The National Grand Court of Heroines of Jericho are holding sessions.

Seventeen Thousand Knights of Pythias and Members of The Courts of Calanthe Five For Years Have Looked Forward to The Beginning and Completion of this Great Structure

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS SUPREME OFFICERS BANQUETED

Sir W. Ashbie Hawkins, keeper of records and seal for 20 years and who resides in Cambridge, Mass., and secretary of the Beneficiary Department, will be in New York City on Feb. 10 and 11, 1915, on business pertaining to the Knights of Pythias of the Eastern and Western Hemispheres, and one of our best known colored lawyers noted for his legal fight against segregation in the Beneficiary Department, and will be the guests of honor at the Knights of Pythias Supreme Officers Banquet, to be given by the subordinate lodges and Courts of Calanthe of the jurisdiction of New

York, at 2152 Fifth avenue, Thursday evening, Feb. 11, at 9 p. m. All members of the order are expected to be present. The new Knights of Pythias Eastern and Western Hemispheres Grand Lodge, will be instituted on Wednesday evening, the 10th.

National Retail Merchants' Ass'n

Of The United States

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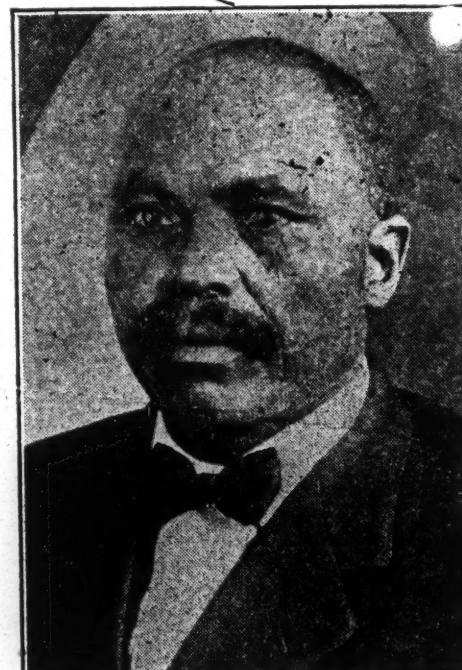
Below we give the living pictures of some of those who are doing much to make the retail business of colored men a success in America.



S. N. DICKERSON, Ph. D., Pres.
Talladega, Ala.



MISS E WELCH, Ass't. Sec'y.
Dallas, Texas.



E. W. D. WELCH, Secretary.
Dallas, Texas.
President Dallas Negro Business
League, Furniture Dealer and Stor-
age Agent.

Chief Officer Farmers' Investment and Bookkeeper and Sales Agent for Welch
Benevolent Association of Talladega. Furniture Co., Dallas.

A NEW ORGANIZATION.

National Retail Merchants Association (Colored U. S. A.—Organization Brought into Being to Work Out the Details which Must Become the Property of Every Successful Concern.)

The following executive committee was also elected: C. W. Gilliam, chairman, Okolona, Miss.; Chas. H. Anderson, Jacksonville, Fla.; D. N. Leathers, Corpus Christi, Tex.; R. L. Maby, Birmingham, Ala.; I. S. Stokes, Shreveport, La.; Capt. James E. Hamlin, Raleigh, N. C.; T. J. Elliott, Muskogee, Okla.; E. Johnson, Kansas City, Kan.; S. R. Johnson, Dallas.

The purpose of this organization is to foster and maintain a union of all lines of retail trade in which our people are engaged throughout the country to the end that they become acquainted and reach a better understanding and further that by the exchange of notes and the swap of experience, ripen all in the methods and

At the last meeting of the National Negro Business League held in August at Muskogee, Okla., the retail merchants were there in such great numbers until it was thought wise to organize what shall hereafter be known as the "National Retail Merchants Association of U. S. A." Likewise a number of the more prosperous ones organized themselves into an organization with the above name. The following officers were elected for the first year: S. N. Dickerson, president, Talladega, Ala.; W. M. Martin, vice-

and business address. We will then put in your hands valuable information as to how to organize in your town along lines which will increase your business and lead to the establishment of other organizations in your community where boys and girls a live

W. H. FIELDS RE-ELECTED NATIONAL GRAND MASTER

Knights and Daughters of Africa Take City of Chicago By Storm In Eight Annual Session

YEARS' REPORTS SHOW RAPID GROWTH

Kansas City Mo. Gets Session In 1915—Afro-American Voted Official A.U.K. & D.of A.

Organ

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 11.—The eighth annual session of Ancient United sessions to see the city of Chicago. Knights and Daughters of Africa met in the spacious chapel of the Institutional Church of the city Monday follows:

morning, August 31. A large gathering was on hand to witness the opening exercises. After invocation Grand Master William H. Fields introduced Grand Master.

Dr. A. J. Carey, pastor of the Institutional Church, who delivered the welcome address on behalf of the Deputy Queen.

citizens of Chicago, followed by Dr. Dr. Geo. M. Cathrell, National Abram Simmons, of Chicago, on behalf of the Grand Recorder.

half of the Colored Business Men's Ernest Patillo, National Grand League. Mrs. Ida P. Thaddeus of Treasurer.

Chicago, welcomed on behalf of the Mrs. Josephine Henley, National local councils, response by Dr. S. D. Grand Princess.

Davis, of St. Louis, Mo. After which Mrs. Cora J. Carter, National Grand a beautiful vocal solo was rendered Auditress.

by Miss Eveline Dunham of Chicago. Dr. S. D. Davis, National Grand After a few preliminary arrangements the meeting adjourned until Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. A large banquet was given for the delegates by the Kartum & Light Council.

J. Arthur Freeman, Chairman National Executive Board.

E. L. Westbrook, National Grand Gates by the Kartum & Light Council Guard.

State Grand Queens.

Mrs. Ada Harris, Missouri.

Mrs. Jennie Nelson, Illinois.

Mrs. Hattie S. Baldwin, California.

The National Grand Master, Wm. H. Fields was elected unanimously. The

next National Grand Session will be held in Kansas City, Mo., 1915.

What We Want.

We want by way of the perfection of the organization that every colored man in the country engaged in business, however small, shall immediately send to E. W. D. Welch, secretary Dallas, Texas, your name, firm name